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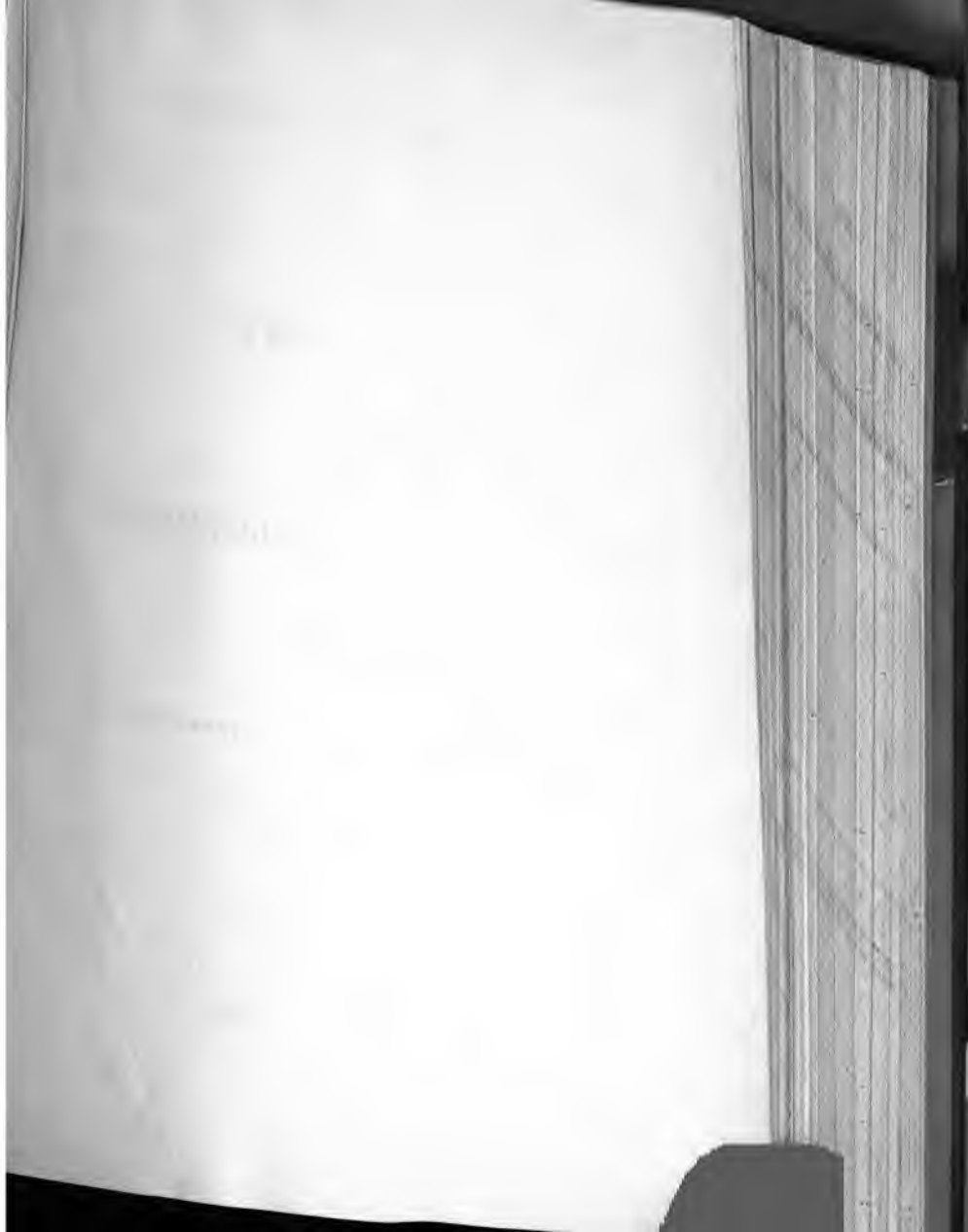
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REPORT.

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS !

"Occupy till I come," was the charge given us when we were first honored with the appointment of service in the vineyard of our Lord, as it is divine. And since he has not yet come to call us to a reckoning, it is our privilege to assemble once more for the purpose of reviewing another year's labour in repairing the breaches of Zion. Our presence on this XXXIXth Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society is a presumption that we cherish some attachment to the cause of Home Missions, and that we regard it as affording a favorable opportunity to occupy our talents for the spiritual good of our country. But there is a mournful interest mingled with the occasion. Our venerable father and fellow-labourer, the Rev. JOHN H. CHURCH, one of the founders of this Society, and for a period of ten years, its President, is not here to-day to aid us by his counsels, and encourage us by his prayers and sympathies. He has gone to receive his reward, and his works do follow him. In his death, which occurred on the 12th of June, Home Missions, alike with many other enterprises of christian benevolence, is bereaved of one of its earliest and most efficient friends. The promptness and fidelity with which he discharged his various duties, philanthropy and religion, and the humble piety which adorned his long pilgrimage, are worthy of remembrance in the annals of the Church. But his record is on High.

The Trustees have directed the operations of the Society during the year now closed; nearly in the same manner as in former years, as will be seen from the following table and remarks arranged in alphabetical order.

ANDOVER.

The church in this town has become almost extinct. The ways of Zion mourn. Missionary labor has occasionally been performed here since the removal of their Pastor some years ago. But there is little to encourage the hope of much success except the fact, so painfully common in all our desolations, that souls by multitudes are hastening to eternity without the instruction and blessings of religion. The Rev. John Clark stationed at Wilmot labors one fourth of his time in this place. Appropriation \$25.

BRADFORD.

Fourteen years ago the church here becoming much enfeebled, solicited and obtained the aid of this Society, which has been continued ever since. The whole amount of Missionary bounty bestowed upon it is \$1025.— But the days of its independence and prosperity have returned. It has by vote resolved to seek no further assistance. The increase of the church in numbers and, we trust, in grace, and the general improvement of morals and religion among the people, cannot but be gratifying to all its benefactors, and call for their devout thanksgiving to Him to whom alone it is due.

Rev. Stephen Rogers, Pastor. Appropriation \$50.

BETHLEHEM.

Mr. Edmund Burke commenced laboring here one half of the time last autumn. He says in his return, "The state of morals in this town is for the most part good. A respectable temperance Society exists numbering about 150, of which 50 have been added within a few months.— There are instances of apparent seriousness and inquiry.

Appropriation \$75.

BRIDGEWATER.

The Rev. John Suddard received a commission to labor here one half of the time, but he left at the end of six months of his service. There is little reason to hope that the institutions of the gospel will ever be permanently established here. With a small amount of pains taking it is believed that some, if not all, of the church might enjoy religious privileges in neighboring congregations, without travelling a greater distance than many of their brethren who are constant at the house of God, in their own towns. Appropriation \$25.

BROOKLINE.

Nothing of very special religious interest has occurred here during the year. "Meetings on the Sabbath, says the Pastor, are well attended. There has evidently been some improvement in morals. The Sabbath is not so much desecrated as when I came. There is a great amount of intemperance; yet I believe there is some improvement in this subject."

Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Pastor. Appropriation \$100.

CANAAN.

"If we consider," says the report from this place, "the general regard of the Sabbath, the disposition to attend the sanctuary, and the ordinary means of grace, it will be obvious that missionary labor has effected good." The people are united and the church is harmonious.

Rev. Liba Conant, Pastor. Appropriation \$100.

DURHAM.

This church has enjoyed a reason of considerable religious interest which has added some to its strength. It is not its purpose, we understand, to renew its application for aid for the ensuing year, and it is hoped that it will hereafter be blessed with the ability to sustain its own institutions.

Rev. Alvan Tobey, Pastor. Appropriation \$50.

DANVILLE.

The population of this town is about 400. There was a half a century ago a Congregational church and a settled Pastor here. Since his death the church has become extinct. During the winter the Rev. A. Sheldon visited this place as your Missionary and was gratefully received. He reports some attention to the subject of religion.

Appropriation \$12.

EFFINGHAM.

This station is surrounded by a region of much moral waste and affords the faithful missionary an opportunity of extensive usefulness. It is now destitute.

Rev. John H. Mordough, Missionary. Appropriation \$100.

ENFIELD.

The cause of truth is gaining ground in this place. A Cent Society has been formed and a regular train of religious and benevolent action has been established. Your missionary the Rev. Benj. Burge, from Lane Seminary, has recently been ordained Pastor of the church with encouraging prospects of usefulness. Appropriation \$75.

EPPING.

Your Missionary stationed at Nottingham labors here one half of the time with some though small encouragement. Appropriation \$50.

FARMINGTON.

This place has been destitute for several years. Last spring a young man commenced laboring here and from the interest excited among the people to enjoy the ordinances of the gospel, we are much encouraged to hope that they will soon be permanently established. They have raised \$200 to employ Mr. Timothy Morgan one year.

Appropriation \$100.

FRANCONIA.

Mr. Edmund Burke commenced preaching at this place last autumn one half of the time. The state of religion, he reports, is rather low, although not discouraging. The church has been increased by the addition of 5 by profession and 4 by letter. A temperance Society, consisting of 100 members has been formed, and the state of morals is comparatively good.

Appropriation \$75.

GROTON.

The report from this place speaks of a decided improvement in the general state of things. A few have been hopefully converted. The spirit of benevolence is rising. Two individuals have lately pledged a life Membership to our Society. Temperance is on the advance. Rev. Daniel Pulsifer, Missionary one half of the time. Appropriation \$50.

MILTON.

The returns from this church gives an interesting view of the state of things. Harmony prevails, the spirit of benevolence is increasing, and we trust the time is not far distant when they will have gained sufficient strength to sustain the ministry without foreign aid. Rev. Benjamin G. Willey, Pastor. Appropriation \$100.

NEW CASTLE.

A season of considerable religious interest was enjoyed by the people of this Island during the winter. About 20 connected with the various denominations are numbered as the hopeful subjects of the work. Four have united with the church. There has been a visible improvement in the observance of the Sabbath, and some advance has been made in the cause of temperance. Rev. James Hobart, Missionary. Appropriation \$100.

NOTTINGHAM.

A few months since there was some special attention to religion in this place. A few have indulged the hope of the Christian. A church has recently been organized, consisting of 14 members. This is the third church that has been organized in this town. The second church became extinct about 30 years ago. Rev. John Le Bosquet, Missionary one half of the time. Appropriation \$50.

NEW-MARKET SOUTH.

The church in this place having become nearly extinct, was re-organized in February and now consists of 16 members. The people have recently erected a convenient meeting house and have engaged a young man from Andover to labor with them for one year. This is a new field and one of considerable promise. In their application for aid they say, "We are satisfied, that, although we are small and feeble, yet a church and Society may be built upon the ruins which have long been buried, which, we hope, will soon be able to sustain itself and remain a blessing to this region even to the end of time." Appropriation \$100.

OSSIFEE-CORNER.

The Rev. John S. Winter has performed a mission here of seven weeks. Previous to his labors, there had been no stated worship in this place for a long time. The meeting house where their fathers worshipped had become a proverb and a by-word to all. It looked like a place forsaken of God and man, but it has been re-modelled and finished in modern style. The attendance on public worship has been good, and one of considerable promise. In their application for aid they say, "We are satisfied, that, although we are small and feeble, yet a church and Society may be built upon the ruins which have long been buried, which, we hope, will soon be able to sustain itself and remain a blessing to this region even to the end of time." Appropriation \$100.

PLAINFIELD WEST.

While this little church is called to endure trials, it has much occasion to rejoice in the goodness of God. During the winter it was visited with some refreshings of the Holy Spirit, as the result of which 16 have made a public profession of their faith in Christ. Their new house of worship was dedicated in January. The Sabbath School is attended with interest, and the general state of morals is improving. Rev. William Hutchinson, Pastor. Appropriation \$100.

STRATHAM.

Six have been added to this church during the year by profession, and it has been diminished by 6. About \$120 have been raised for benevolent objects. There is a want of interest in Sabbath School instruction. Some of the members of the church withhold their influence from the cause. Rev. William J. Newman, Pastor. Appropriation \$50.

SURREY.

Your Missionary, the Rev. Ezra Adams, was ordained the Pastor of this church in May. Their new meeting house has been completed and dedicated. "There has," says the returns, "been apparent more than usual interest in both the public services, and the exercises of the Sabbath School for a few months past. Many members of the church who had long wept and prayed, say that they have been blessed far beyond their highest anticipations." Appropriation \$100.

TUFTONBOROUGH.

This place is now supplied one-third of the time by the Rev. Joshua Dodge. The means of grace have been attended with greater blessings to the people here than could have been reasonably anticipated two years ago. Still much greater things must be accomplished, before all the ways of Zion will rejoice. Appropriation \$25.

TROY.

Prosperity has attended this church and Society ever since the separation from the old Society. The church has gradually increased in numbers and strength. The Sabbath school is more interesting than usual. The various objects of benevolence receive attention, but the progress of temperance is slow. Rev. Jeremiah Pomroy, Pastor. Appropriation \$75.

WAKEFIELD.

An interesting revival has been experienced by this people; as the result of which, 20 have been hopefully born again, and 18 have united with the church. Your Missionary has preached at two stations; at one of which a new house of worship has been built. "The labors and the charities," says the Pastor, "that have been expended, have not been in vain in the Lord. The influence of the divine Spirit has accompanied the truth of God, and rendered it effectual. The prospects of this church and people have brightened; the disciples of Jesus have been cheered and encouraged, and waxed stronger and bolder, and some dying souls have been raised to newness of life." Rev. Nathaniel Barker, Pastor. Appropriation \$100.

WARNER.

The Rev. James W. Perkins was installed the Pastor of this church in March, the Rev. Mr. Blanchard having been dismissed a few weeks previous. Mr. Perkins enters on this field under favorable auspices of usefulness and a happy union. Eighteen have been added to the church during the year. A Cent Society has been formed, consisting of 50 members; and the Maternal Association has been revived, and promises much good. "On the whole," says the Pastor, "the cause of religion may be considered as on the advance in this place. The Sabbath school at the meeting-house is large compared with the congregation; the latter averaging during the summer 200, and the former

SUMMARY.

During the year fifty-six churches and places have been under the patronage of the New Hampshire Missionary Society and have received more or less aid : 11 churches that received aid the preceding year, have received none the past year. They are the following—Barrington, Colebrook, Compton, L. C., Franklin, Hooksett, Merrimack Evangelical, New Alstead, Piermont, Sharon, Thornton, and Washington. The low state of the funds and other causes have prevented 4 of these from receiving aid. The remaining 7 have either cast themselves upon their own resources, or for various reasons, have made no application for assistance. Aid has been granted to 2 churches that were not under patronage last year, viz. Charlestown and New Market South. The low was never before a beneficiary of this Society. The Trustees have appropriated for the support of the ministry in the above mentioned 56 churches and places \$4003. This is 946 less than the amount appropriated the previous year. About half of the latter sum has not been solicited, and the remainder, for various reasons, has been withheld. There have been in the employ of the Society during the year 45 ministers of the Gospel, viz. 1 general agent, 22 pastors of churches, 20 stated supplies, and 2 missionaries for a few weeks each. Of this number 32 have administered to one church each and 10 have divided their labors between two churches each. During the year 6 ministers have been settled as Pastors of churches, 2 have been dismissed from their pastoral charge, and 4 stated supplies have removed to other fields. Six new houses of worship have been either wholly built or finished. Six new churches have enjoyed seasons of more or less religious interest. The number of hopeful conversions reported in 21 congregations is 123. There have been added to 31 churches, 178 by profession and 61 by letter making a total of 239. The removals from 27 churches by death, excommunication and dismission are 81, leaving a net increase of 153. The number reported in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes connected with 45 congregations is 4073. The whole number of communicants reported in 50 churches is 2498, and the amount contributed by 33 churches to benevolent objects is \$1396 14.

From this brief view of the field we have occupied the past year, it is evident that the general condition of our feeble churches is quite as encouraging as it has been in former years. Though there have been a less number of revivals of religion than it was our privilege to report at our last anniversary, yet there has been on the whole an increase of peace and harmony among the churches, and greater effort to sustain the institutions of the gospel. To the friends of humanity, who have the impression that the cause of Temperance is losing ground in our State, it must be gratifying to learn that it is making actual advances in most of the towns where our missionaries are laboring. This fact shows the importance of Home Missions as a means of carrying forward the Temperance reformation in our land, and it testifies also that the influence of a preached gospel is indispensable to the promotion of a permanent reform in the morals of community. If, therefore, we would see the Temperance banner waving in proud triumph over all our desolations, and the blessings of individual sobriety, of social order, of domestic happiness and of national prosperity springing up from enduring foundations, let us labor to bring the great truths and precepts of the gospel to bear upon the hearts and lives of men.

PERMANENT FUND.

The amount of permanent fund, held by the Society at present productive, is \$1700, which is invested as follows:

One note of \$1000, dated August 17, 1835, and signed by Isaac Hill, principal, and Joseph Low, surety.

One note of \$250, dated May 30, 1837, and signed by Luke A. Spoford.

Two shares in Strafford Bank, at Dover, valued at \$200.

A legacy of William Rosseter, of Claremont, deceased, consisting of slips in the Congregational meeting-house, and money to the amount of \$200. This legacy is in the hands of a trustee in Claremont, appointed by the testator, and goes on interest after the 1st of Oct. 1840.

One slip in the Congregational meeting-house at Stratham, valued at \$50.

The Society also holds funds, which are not productive at present, viz: One note of \$360, dated Sept. 31, 1833, having an endorsement of \$100, March 18, 1837, and signed by Asaph Evans, who has not the means of paying either the principal or interest.

Another note, dated October 3, 1836, and jointly signed by Thornton Betton, Richard Melvin, and Benjamin Eastman. The principal of this note is \$1,733,33; and is the price of a farm bequeathed to the Society by a Mr. Brewster, of Londonderry, at the decease of his widow. For the consideration of a life annuity, equal to the interest on the sum for which the farm might be sold, she conveyed the farm to the Society.

The whole amount of permanent fund, both productive and unproductive, now held by the Society, is \$3,819,33.

GENERAL REMARKS.

With nearly one half of the churches of New Hampshire dependant on charity for the means of giving the ministry an adequate support, and many towns and sections of the State, either wholly or in part a moral desolation, it may perhaps be difficult to turn the attention of many of our co-laborers to those facts and considerations that ought to encourage them to repose more confidence in God, and to put forth more vigorous effort. Thirty-nine years of toil and expense, and yet so little accomplished, and so much remaining to be done! Considering the nature of the work, and the deficiency of zeal and liberality which has retarded its progress, we should rather exclaim—How much has been accomplished in so short a space of time! Is it indeed asked—Why there are so many churches still feeble, so much ignorance, so much immorality, and so much sin still prevalent in this State? It might as well be asked—Why is there still so much wickedness and misery in our world? How is it that the King of kings has gained so few victories over the rebellious nations of the earth, since he has, for more than eighteen hundred years, been riding forth conquering and to conquer? If there are reasons which ought to satisfy the Christian why the Gospel, after a lapse of eighteen centuries, has accomplished so little comparatively for the salvation of the human family, surely he ought not to complain that thirty-nine years of feeble evangelical effort has not redeemed all the waste places of New Hampshire, and elevated all her inhabitants to the accomplishment and hopes of the children of God. Shall we abandon the Home Missionary enterprise; retreat from the field, and suffer the enemy to come in like a flood, overflowing the

genius of this love forbids it. It scorns that interpretation of the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," that would allow of exemption from personal responsibility, justify the least abatement of Missionary zeal, or pardon a forgetfulness of the perishing whether at home or abroad. It rejoices in the privilege of doing good unto all men, especially unto the household of faith; it has to fight its way to deliver the soul from death, and it exults in the prospect of a land and a world redeemed and made Immanuel's. Let the churches of New Hampshire possess this unction from above, and the cry of the needy and the desolate will not be heard in vain.

In behalf of the Trustees,

BENJ. P. STONE, SECRETARY.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

N. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY—*In account with F. N. Fisk.*
Dr. To the following disbursements—viz :

the support of the ministry in		the following disbursements— viz :	
Barrington	\$40 00	Milton	
Bradford	50 00	Merrimack Evan. Un. Society	100 00
Brookline	175 00	Newmarket, Lamprey River	75 00
Bethlehem and Franconia	150 00	Nottingham and Epping	150 00
Compton, I. Canada	150 00	New Castle	100 00
Conway	111 72	Ossipee	100 00
Charlestown	100 00	Plainfield, West	49 00
Centre Harbor	100 00	Rye	75 00
Dublin	62 00	Seabrook and Hampton Falls	75 00
Deering	75 00	Salem	150 00
Dalton and Whitefield	100 00	Sandwich	100 00
Dunville, Sandown & Poplin	35 65	Stratham	50 00
Efingham	100 00	Shelburne	50 00
Enfield	26 00	Thornton	35 00
Gilsam	31 00	Tuftsboro' & Wolfboro' N.	30 00
Goshen	50 00	Wakefield	110 54
Groton and Hebron	75 00	Wilton	100 00
Holderness Vil. & Bridgewater	37 50	Warner	100 00
Hill	125 00		38 47
London Village	100 00		
Langdon			

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Rev. David Kimball, for printing Report	\$77 90	F. N. Fisk, his acc't for stationary and postage	1 90
Asa McFarland, for printing Cent	36 25	I. Perley, Esq. account	5 46
Rev. Benj. P. Stone, his salary as Agent and Secretary	500 00	Savings Bank, for interest	1 34
do. his account for stationary, postage & travelling expenses	59 17	Savings Bank, money borrowed	10 00
Am. Home Missionary Society	30 00	Stage driver, for bringing money from Haverhill, Mass.	500 00
F. N. Fisk, salary as Treasurer	40 00		1 00
		Amount paid out	\$4610 00

Hopkinton—Rev. Mosea

Kimball

Nathan Kelly, dona.

John Cavis do.

Other members of the Soc'ty

London Village—Cong. Soc'ty

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A female

Andrim—Gent. Charitable Soc.

Ladies' do.

Robert Duncan

Naomi Duncan

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for some person hereafter to
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Mrs. Jewett

CHESHIRE.

Conference of Churches

Acworth—Cong. Society

Rufus Bingham for son

Harvey

Charlestown—Cong. Society

Claremont—Cong. Society

Cornish—Cong. Society

Croydon—Cong. Society

Goshen—Cong. Society

Pembroke—Congregational Soc. 15 65
Pittsfield—Cong. Society 15 45
Salisbury—Rev. Valentine Little
Warner—Cong. Society 1 m 30 00
Ezra Barrett 6 14
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Ralph W. Jewett for

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Ralph W. Jewett for

Mrs. Ruth Smith

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Lyndeboro'—Jacob White

Mason—Congregational Society

Merrimack—Robert McGaw for

Mrs. Sarah McGaw

S. Kenny, Jr.

L. Walker

Henry Fitts

Mrs. Mary Parker

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Mont Vernon—J. A. Starrett

for wife Maria J.

Mrs. A. E. Starrett

Nashua—First Cong. Society

Oliver Lund

Edmund and Sarah Parker

for Dorcas K. Leland

New Ipswich—Cong. Society

Nashua—Second Cong. Society

Gent. & Ladies' Be. Soc'ty

Pelham—Cong. Society

Rev. Mr. Keep for Mrs.

Keep

Peterboro'—Presbyterian Soc'ty

Temple—Cong. Society

Monthly Concert

Wilton—Second Cong. Society

for L. B. Rockwood

Elijah Chandler

Fitzwilliam—Congregational Society 755 67
21 93

SULLIVAN.

Lempster—Reuben Roundy 1 m 5 00

Ladies' Benevo. Society 1 00

Meriden Village—Dea. Daniel

Morrill

Newport—Cong. Society 1 m 5 00

Plainfield West—Miss Helen

Bingham 2 25

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 Moore Mrs do
 Moore Timothy, Hancock
 Morse Miss Lucinda, do
 Morse Loring, do
 Morrill David L. Concord
 Muzzey Mrs Rhoda, Plainfield
 Newman Rev Wm. J. Stratham
 Newman Mrs do
 Newell Rev Gad, Nelson
 Newell Mrs Martha, do
 Northwood Rev Francis, Gilford
 Nott Rev Handel G. Dunstable
 Noyes Rev Daniel J. Concord
 Noyes Parker, Franklin
 Ordway Samuel, Hancock
 Parker Hon. Abel, Jaffrey
 Patrick Rev Wm. Canterbury
 Parker Mrs Mary, do
 Parker Rev Edward L. Derry
 Parker Mrs Mehitable, do
 Parker Mrs Sarah, Amherst
 Parker Edmund, do
 Parker Elder John, Litchfield
 Parsons Benjamin H. Meriden
 Peach William, Bedford
 Peck Miss Susan, Boscawen
 Perkins Rev J. W. New Hampton
 Perkins Dea John, Derry
 Perry Rev Baxter, Lyme
 Perry Rev David, do
 Perry Mrs A. D. Hollis
 Perry Miss Julia Anne A. do
 Peters Rev Absalom, D. D. New York do
 Peters George, do
 Pillsbury Rev Asa, Wakefield do
 Porter Nathaniel, Henniker
 Prentice Rev Josiah, Northwood
 Price Rev Ebenezer, Boscawen
 Price Mrs Lucy, Boscawen
 Proctor John, Henniker
 Punchard Rev George, Plymouth
 Punchard Mrs Willemine, do
 Putnam John, Salem, Mass.
 Putnam Rev John M. Dunbarton
 Putnam Mrs Arethusa, do
 Putnam Henry Martyn, do
 Putnam Rev Israel W. Portsmouth
 Putnam Rufus A. Jr. Chichester
 Rankin Rev Andrew, Salisbury
 Reed William, Jr. Amherst
 Reed Andrew, D. D. London, England
 Richmond Rev Thomas T. Newmarket
 Ripley James, Cornish
 Rich Rev Ezekiel, Troy
 Richards Rev Austin, Franconstown
 Richardson Rev William, Wilton
 Rolfe Dea Abiel, Concord
 Robinson Rev Isaac, Stoddard
 Robinson Mrs Esther, do
 Rogers John, Plymouth
 Root Rev David, do
 Root Mrs Mary E. Dover
 Root Miss Mary Ellen, do
 Rosseter Sherman, Claremont
 Rowland Rev Wm. F. Exeter
 Russell Rev Charles P. Candia
 Russell Carey, Newport
 Russell William W. Plymouth
 Russell David M. do
 Sabin Rev John, Fitzwilliam
 Sanborn Mrs Abigail, Sanbornton
 Scales Rev Jacob, Henniker
 Scales Mrs Nancy B. do
 Scales Thomas S. do
 Savage Rev Thomas, Bedford
 Seavey Mrs Belinda, Concord
 Smith Rev James A. Somersworth
 Smith Mrs Mary M. do
 Smith Rev David P. Sandwich
 Smith Mrs Mary Jane, do
 Smith Rev John, Exeter
 Smith Mrs Mary E. do
 Smith Mrs Mary Ann, Hollis
 Smith Rev Eli, do
 Smith Mrs Amy, do
 Smith Mrs Ruth, do
 Smith Obadiah, New Hampton
 Smith Mrs Eliza, do
 Smith Rev Bezaleel, Rye
 Steele David, Goffstown
 Stickney Mrs Ruth, Newburyport, Ms.
 Storrs Rev R. S. Braintree, Ms.
 Strong Rev Eliphalet K. Hinsdale
 Sutherland Rev David, Bath
 Sutherland Mrs do
 Shedd Rev Charles, New Ipswich
 Society American Peace
 Tallot Rev Wm. K. Hudson
 Taylor Rev Eli W. Croydon
 Tenney Rev Asa P. Hebron
 Tenney Rev Erdix, Lyme
 Thompson Wm. Charles, Plymouth

CHESHIRE COUNTY.

The following sums have been received since the Treasurer's account was audited.

Winchester—Cong. Society	19 06	Rindge—Fem. Domestic Soc.	19 06
Keene—Monthly Concert	37 07	Congregational Church	17 85
Gent. of Cong. Society	21 00	Langdon—Mrs. Hannah Prentice	1 00
Lady	1 00	Nelson—Congregational Society	17 28
Do.	1 00	Fitzwilliam—Cong. Society	47 43
Mrs. Elizabeth Metcalf	1 m 5 00	Troy—Cong. Society	14 15
Hubbard N. Fay	8 54	Roxbury—Home Miss. Society	21 75
Stoddard—Cent Society	1 m 3 38	Charity Box	4 62
Gilsum—Cent Society for	1 m 30 00	Swansey—Cong. Society	8 44
Abigail Fish	3 00	Surry—Cong. Society	16 82
Acworth—A Lady	50	Alstead—Ladies	6 00
New Alstead—Two Ladies	25 00	Westmoreland—Almira White	7 17
Deceased friend	1 m 10 00	2 years Cent Money	1 04
Walpole—First Cong. Soc. annual instalment		M. M. Green, Cent Money	52
Mrs. Susan Robinson			348 68
Lebanon—Edward Bosworth			1 00

The above amount added makes the receipts of the Society for the year \$5136 86.
Expenditures in Cheshire County for the year have been over \$600.

The following Life Members were omitted in their proper places.

Rev. John Le Bosquet, Nottingham
John Woods, jr. Newport
Abel Hutchins, jr. Concord
Hon. Francis N. Fisk, do.
Edward P. Parker, Derry
Elizabeth McGregore, do.
George McGregore, do.
Henry Taylor, do.
James Taylor, do.

John P. Rogers, Plymouth
Walter M. Rogers, do.
Wm. S. Rogers, do.
Edmund P. Rogers, do.
Mrs. Nancy Rogers, do.
Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, do.
Moore Russell, do.
Mrs. Rhoda S. Cutler, Windham
Rev. John Wilde, Conway

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ANNUAL REPORT.

Were there no other consideration to commend our institutions of benevolence to public favor, than the time they have been in operation, surely there are but few in our land that would have a larger claim than the New Hampshire Missionary Society, whose *fortieth* anniversary we celebrate to-day. But this Society resorts to no expedients to acquire a capital of human favor. It seeks no applause but that of being the humble "Repairer of the breach, and the Restorer of paths to dwell in." It has not laboured in the dark. Professing to be the servant of Him who is "the light of the world," it has made all its works manifest, and there are many "children of light," who have, for forty years, testified and seen that they are good. During this period many of its friends and patrons have fallen asleep. Of the twenty four fathers in Israel whose names are on record as the founders of this Institution, only six survive. They remain to bear testimony to the goodness of God towards this object of their early benevolence and prayers.

In reviewing their efforts for the year now closing, the Trustees find increasing evidence of the utility of Home Missions as a means of moral and spiritual reform; and that no other means can be employed to effect such reform in many portions of our State with the promise of final success. And never were they more deeply impressed that the success of their enterprise is always to be proportioned to the fidelity with which the great mysteries of the Cross are proclaimed, unmixed with human vagaries, and uttered with the noble, the only true ambition of pleasing God and saving men from their sins. Having in the past experienced a rich fulfilment of that golden word of Inspiration, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," they would invite you to unite with them in the renewal of their zeal and their hopes for a future blessing of the same gracious Guardian.

The following details will exhibit a view of the doings of the Trustees for the year now ending.

ADOTER, MER. Co. Within about 60 years there have been three Congregational churches gathered in this town. The first church was organized in 1782 consisting of only six members. It increased to 30 members and then gradually diminished till it became extinct. The Rev. Josiah Balcock was settled over the church on the day it was organized, and continued its pastor till 1809, when he was dismissed. From this time the town remained destitute of a stated ministry of our order down to 1828, when the second church was gathered consisting of 12 members, and the Rev. Samuel Kingsbury was settled its pastor. Mr. Kingsbury was dismissed at the end of one year. The church, left without a shepherd, dwindled away, and a few months ago became extinct in the death of its only surviving male member. On the 25th of June the third church was formed consisting of 14 members. Admonished by the history of the former churches that have been gathered in this place, we hazard no favorable prediction concerning the present little band of disciples there.— If deprived of Gospel ordinances, as their predecessors were much of the time during their existence, their fate must be similar. We only say that the prospects are quite encouraging for its continuance and growth, if the means of grace can be sustained among the people. The Rev. John Clark now labours here one-fourth of the time.

Appropriation \$25, from March 15, 1840.

BRADFORD, MER. Co. In consequence of an unusual number of removals, which have taken place during the year this church is compelled again to solicit aid from your funds, having sustained itself but one year since it ceased to be your beneficiary. But while God has taken away their human support, he has not forgotten to be gracious to them. A few have been hopefully born into his kingdom, and quite recently a new impulse has been given to the temperance cause. 271 have taken the pledge of total abstinence. Rev. Stephen Rogers, Pastor.

Appropriation \$50, from March 1, 1841.

BETHLEHEM, GRAF. Co. Nothing of special interest has occurred on this field during the year, except the ordination of Rev. Edmund Burt as the pastor of the church in February. He labors with them one-half of the time.

Appropriation \$75 from September 1, 1840.

BROOKLINE, HILLS. Co. "There has generally been a good attendance on the ordinary means of grace," says the Pastor of this church and though we have not been permitted to see many seeking the way of life, yet I have not been a little encouraged by seeing two or three anxiously inquiring to know what they must do to be saved and giving evidence that they have passed from death unto life."

Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Pastor. Appropriation, \$100 from Dec. 22, 1840.

CANAAN, GRAF. Co. The condition of this chh. remains as in former years nearly stationary. We are confident however that good has been done by sustaining the Gospel here. Without its influence, this land must have been much less like the "land of promise" than it now is.

Rev. Liba Conant, Pastor. Appr. \$100 from Aug. 20, 1840.

DANFORTH, GRASS, Co. Your Missionary, the Rev. Daniel Pulsifer, now labors with this people all the time. In the early part of the winter the Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon the congregation, and some 8 or 10 were brought into the kingdom. The affairs of the church are rather encouraging, and would be more so if all the "old leaven" was purged out. Appropriation \$100 from Jan. 1, 1841.

DEERING, HILLS, Co. The infirmities of age have compelled the Rev. Peter Holt to close his labors in this town. No essential change in the affairs of the church is reported. Appr. \$75 from July 10, 1841.

DUBLIN, CH. Co. "We think, says the report from this church, that the truth is gaining ground here. The cause of temperance is onward. Public opinion is decidedly against the sale and use of alcohol." Rev. H. A. Kendall, Pastor. Appr. \$100 from June 1, 1841.

DURHAM, STRA. Co. The last commission of your missionary here expired in November, and the church and people have since assumed the whole support of the ministry. Were there no greater obstacle to the prosperity of Zion in this ancient town than that imposed by an antiquated and uncomfortable house of worship, it would require no miracle to overcome all impediments to the success of the gospel. Rev. Alvan Tobey, Pastor. Last appr. \$50, from Nov. 20, 1839.

ENFIELD, GR. Co. It must be the work of time to build up a church of sufficient ability to sustain its own institutions in this place. This work is evidently making some advance. "The visible results," says the pastor, "of my labors here during the two years past have been small, perhaps however, they may not have been entirely in vain. The confidence of the people in Congregational doctrines and measures seems to be strengthening. Sabbath-breaking is not generally of so open and gross a character as formerly." The cause of temperance is making rapid progress. Several inebriates have recently reformed. Let faith and patience have their perfect work and great and glorious things may yet be seen in Enfield. Rev. Benj. Burge, Pastor. Appr. \$100 from June 1, 1840.

EPHING, ROCK, Co. Your Missionary closed his labours in this place in June. The prospects of the church here are exceedingly dark. Rev. John Le Bosquet, Missionary one half of the time. Rev. Appropriation \$50, from June 1, 1840.

FARMINGTON, STRA. Co. There has been a pleasing change effected in the moral and religious interests of this people, during the year. They have provided themselves with a commodious house of worship, and been visited by the special influences of the Holy Spirit and 25 give evidence of having passed from death unto life; and several have united with the church. The good that has been accomplished on this field so lately considered almost an entire desolation, is another illustration of the importance of Home Missions to the spiritual welfare of many towns in this State. Rev. Timothy Morgan, Missionary. Appropriation \$100 from April 27, 1841.

pect that the people of this place *will* ask no more aid in support of the Gospel among them. In their *behalf* we tender the Society of which you are Secretary, their most unaffected thanks for what assistance it has rendered them in years that are *past*, with the prayer that under God it may be the favored instrument of *raising* up other desolations as it has this." Rev. Benjamin G. Willey, *Pastor*.
 Appropriation \$100 from Feb. 1, 1840.

NEW MARKET. ROCK. CO. Hitherto intemperance has been regarded the greatest obstacle to the progress of the Gospel in this place, but this obstacle is now in a great measure removed. The reform among inebriates so wonderfully going on in our land, has reached this village.—"A number, whose condition was considered hopeless, have signed the pledge—become changed in their appearance and are now seen in the house of God listening to his truth." The parish have recently expended \$500 in repairing their meeting house, and the general aspects of the church and Society are quite encouraging. Rev. Thomas J. Richmond, *Missionary*.
 Appropriation \$100 from Jan. 14, 1839.

NEW MARKET SOUTH. This church has been recently deprived of its minister who has gone out of the State. In April he writes, "this little church since its organization a little more than a year ago has been gradually increasing in numbers and influence. There has been a steady increase in religious things." Rev. John L. Ashby, *Missionary*.
 Appropriation \$125 from May, 1840.

NEW CASTLE, ROCK. CO. The Rev. James Hobart left in April having laboured on this Island two years. "I think," he says, "that Congregationalism and the doctrines of grace have been gaining an interest in the minds of this people. When I first came here, there were but four members of the church, now there are twelve, three males and nine females. The church is now larger in number than it has been at any time for nearly thirty years. It is still supplied.
 Appropriation \$100 from April, 1840.

NOTTINGHAM, ROCK. CO. This infant church has been destitute of a regular supply since June, but it is unwilling to remain without the preaching of the Gospel. The friends of Home Missions have no reason to regret the efforts that have been made to build up this desolation. They have not been in vain. Rev. John Le Bosquet, *Missionary* one half of the time. Appropriation \$50, from Jan. 1, 1840.

MARLBOROUGH, CHES. CO. For several years this church has received no aid, not because it was not needy, but because, in the judgment of the Trustees, the sacred charity committed to their trust could not in good faith be bestowed upon it while it remained under influences that were adverse to its prosperity. Those influences have now passed away, and it has again been placed upon the list of beneficiaries. Its condition and prospects are brightening, though it must be some time before the scattered fragments will be gathered up and the ways of Zion be made to rejoice as in former years. Rev. Giles Lyman, *Missionary*.
 Appropriation \$150 from Feb. 1, 1841.

has been no special revival, a new impulse has been given to the interests of morality and religion since the dedication of the new house. A very pleasing advance has been made in the cause of temperance. The Sabbath School numbers about 100 pupils and is flourishing. The Sabbath, Pastor. Appropriation \$150 from June 15, 1840. Rev. Jonas Fisk, Pastor.

SHELBURNE, COOS CO. This field is situated east of the White Mountains, on the border of Maine. With a cold bleak climate, and with only 350 inhabitants divided among several religious denominations, a large and flourishing church can never be expected. Your Missionary divides his labours with this place and Gilead, Me. He reports no special change in the state of things. "The attendance on public worship, he says, is encouraging. I think there is a greater interest in Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction than there ever was before." Rev. Henry Richardson, Missionary. Appropriation \$35, from May 1, 1840.

STRATHAM, ROCK CO. It deserves to be stated that the last appropriation to this church was \$50 while the amount it has contributed to our funds is \$10 more than that sum. They propose to make an effort this year to raise the salary of their minister themselves, but as they have been weakened somewhat by deaths, it is uncertain whether they can long continue independent of foreign aid. Rev. Wm. J. Newman, Pastor. Appropriation \$50, from Oct. 8, 1839.

SURRY, CHES. CO. The state of this church and people can hardly be said to be encouraging. The congregation has diminished somewhat. Several have removed, and others are uneasy. But with the necessary zeal, energy, faith and prayer, we see no reason why this desolation cannot be repaired. Rev. Ezra Adams, Pastor. Appropriation \$100, from April 1, 1840.

THORNTON, GRAF. CO. "I confidently hope, says the Missionary here, it will not be altogether in vain that an effort has been made to cultivate this field this year." Intemperance, which has long been one of the greatest obstacles to the success of the Gospel in Thornton, is losing its hold. Total abstinence, morality, and religion are on the advance. Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Missionary. Appropriation \$100 from June 10, 1841.

TROY, CHESH. CO. This church and Society are reported as rather prosperous and the congregation on the Sabbath respectable. In the Spring there were some indications of a revival and a few expressed hope in Christ. A new impulse has been given to the Sabbath School cause and the standard of morals is rising. Rev. Jeremiah Poirroy, Pastor. Appropriation \$85 from Jan. 1, 1841.

TUFTONBOROUGH, BELK CO. The Rev. Joshua Dodge was commissioned more than a year ago to labour here a portion of the time. He has since spent 9 Sabbaths on the ground and performed more or less Missionary labour. He reports a decided improvement in the cause of Sabbath Schools, Temperance, and public worship. Appropriation \$25, from Aug. 1, 1840.

WOLFBOROUGH, BEL. Co. Though no special attention to religion has occurred on this field during the year, yet the state of things is highly encouraging. There has been considerable advance in the religious reading of the people. As many as 15 Missionary Herald, 10 Congregational Journals, and as many Parent's Magazines are taken by them.—A great reform has been effected with relation to the use of intoxicating drinks. "If there has been no other benefit derived from Missionary labour in this town," writes your Missionary, "than that of the Temperance reform, I think the labour would have been well bestowed." Rev. Jeremiah Blake, Pastor. Appropriation \$50 from Sept. 23, 1840.

WOLFBOROUGH NORTH, BELK. Co. This church has enjoyed the labours of Rev. Mr. Blake one third of the time. There is a gradual improvement in the moral and religious habits of the people in this interesting region going on. Much has been effected by the blessing of God, and yet much more remains to be done before the old paths of darkness and sin will be cleared of every obstruction.

Appropriation \$50 from June 1, 1841.

SUMMARY.

The Society has extended aid to 49 churches and places during the year. This is 7 less than were assisted by your charity the previous year. Four churches that had no aid the year preceding, have been placed upon the list of beneficiaries within the year. They are the churches in Bradford, Marlborough, Thornton and Unity. Eleven churches and places that were enumerated in our last report, have for various reasons received no aid the past year. These are Bridgewater, Holderness, Groton, and Hebron which have been destitute. Mr. Hobart has recently commenced labouring in this region, and will probably supply 3 or 4 of those churches. Goshen, having had a supply but half of the time, has not needed assistance. Loudon Village also has been supplied at an expense within their own means. The same may be said of Wilton. Effingham has been supplied the most of the time, but no aid has been extended to them. Danville, Poplin and Sandown had only 12 weeks missionary labour bestowed upon them the winter before last, and have enjoyed no such labours since.

This diminution in the number of churches aided the past year, is no evidence of the decline of the cause, since other reasons besides a low state of the funds, have excluded them from Missionary patronage. These reasons, for the most part, have just been given. Many of the feeble churches in this State are so situated in the providence of God that the constant enjoyment of the means of grace is, in some instances very uncertain, and in others impossible, hence the number under the patronage of the Society at any one time is continually varying.

The Society has employed in its service 43 ministers of the Gospel during the year, of whom 24 are pastors, 16 stated supplies, 2 missionaries, and 1 general agent. 36 have laboured with one congregation each, 6 have laboured with two each, and 1 with four congregations. Two pas-

be seen in the moral and religious condition of communities of his fellow-citizens, in nearer or more remote divisions of his country, and, reminding him of what he has done, they call forth his gratitude to God for what his grace has accomplished, or his lamentation, not that he has given so much in vain, but that he has given so little to so needy and so divine a cause.

We name a period of four years for the purpose of general review, not because there is any thing in the human instrumentality employed that we would wish to make prominent, but because the hand of God has been upon the enterprize during this time, and his works should be declared. It has been a time distinguished for disappointment in almost every department of secular and religious enterprize, and but few in the church or world have been so fortunate as not to have participated more or less in the common suffering. Regarded as a providence of God, happy shall we be as individuals and as a Society, if we learn the lesson of wisdom which the past history of pecuniary trial is teaching us so plainly, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." Those who have laid up treasures in heaven during this time by consecrating their substance to the sacred purposes of Home Missions, may now look and see that the Saviour's words are true. Thieves have not broken through and stolen them.

Though the Society has had much experience in financial embarrassment, it has suffered no more in this respect than its proportion with kindred systems of benevolence. The total amount of its receipts for four years past is \$19,654 25, exclusive of what has been paid over to the Parent Institution at New York. Far greater difficulty would have been realized in supplying the feeble churches and the desolations around us with the gospel, had not the Female Cent Institution come up to the help of the Society in this its time of need. The receipts from that source have advanced considerably more than one-half per an. But whether the resources of the Society may have been large or small, it is to the results of its operations that we are to look for evidence for or against its usefulness. The results which more particularly mark its progress and usefulness are the gathering of churches, their increasing strength, and final independence of foreign aid, revivals of religion, the settlement of the ministry, the erection of houses of worship, and the general improvement of morals. Wherever such results as these are seen in this department of christian effort, we behold the work of the Lord, and it is scarcely less marvellous than any other operations of his power which develop the coming of his kingdom upon earth.

During the period under review the New Hampshire Missionary Society has been the means of gathering five new churches, one in each of the following towns—Andover, Centre-Harbor, North Wolfborough, Nottingham, and Tuftonborough. Eighteen of its missionaries have been settled as pastors of churches. Ten houses of worship have been enjoyed on missionary and forty-three revivals of religion have been enjoyed on missionary ground. The reported subjects of these seasons of divine refreshings are

magnitude to justify the expenditure of their money? But is this debatable ground with the christian who has given up himself and his all to the Lord that bought him? Is he to deliberate whether to withhold his charities at the eternal expense of the perishing around him, or to venture them on the promises of God that they may be made the means of their deliverance from death? No, that glorious work which the Holy Spirit accomplishes for the solitary, neglected saint, and for the unregenerate soul, is not, as an end, to be put in competition with dollars and cents. Nor is the friend of this cause to wait for the reasonable prospect that these destitute places will be beautified with flourishing churches, with a healthy tone of moral sentiment and with well established christian order, before he decides that they have no special claim upon his sympathies and his alms. The standard by which he is to determine his duty towards this enterprise is not so much the prospective influence of the Gospel upon the mere externals of society be they of greater or of less importance, as it is the certain accomplishment of that unseen good for the immortal spirit, which is the appropriate effect of preaching Christ crucified. Send the faithful missionary into any part of the field, whose crying necessities we now plead, and to the lonely disciple born down with despondency or with affliction, he becomes "the Son of Consolation," and peradventure the poor sinner, "dead in trespasses and sins," will hail him as a Messenger of life. We ask no man to give to the cause of Home Missions because he may have kindred in some moral waste whom he would make glad by sending them the preacher of righteousness, nor because his property which he may chance to have in a destitute town, may be raised in its value by the establishment of religious institutions, though as conventional effects they are not to be disregarded. It is upon the moral necessities of dying men, that we found our plea for charity, and it is upon this foundation alone that the christian can stand acquitted by the second table of the Law. Let the churches measure their duty to this cause by this standard let them follow the single impulse of love to the souls of their brethren and fellow sinners, and the resources of the Society will be soon competent to the work of supplying with a preached Gospel all the destitute and waste places within our bounds. But while the descendants of the Pilgrims, dwelling among these rugged hills and vallies, should ever imbibe the spirit, and practice the self-denial of their pious progenitors who prayed and toiled to rear noble monuments of religion and charity, which having adorned and blessed the age in which they lived, they bequeathed as a sacred trust to posterity, they should not forget that they live in a land whose borders are the oceans, teeming with millions allied to them by ties of blood and citizenship. And when they remember that the moral destiny of this land is in a great measure at their disposal, how can they be wanting in that sanctified patriotism and christian sacrifice, which alone can make it Immanuel's land, a habitation of righteousness, and the glory of the world.

More effort needed! and what do we mean? More benevolence surely, more yielding up of that which perishes with the using not only for the sake of restoring this portion of New England to its ancient character but also for the sake of restoring this new world with the

A. M'Farland for printing circulars 2,00
 Am. Home M. Society 0,50
 Samuel Fletcher, acct. 4,00

C. C. Denny, Tr. Ch. Co. Dom.
 M. Soc.

CR. By cash received as follows :

Amount paid out \$3,928,23

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Brentwood—Cong. Society	11,11	Londonderry—Pres. Society	32,79
Chester, East Parish		North Hampton—Cong. Society	9,90
Mr. Persis Bell		New Market, L. R.—Mrs. Garland	
Chester, West Parish—John Folsom, 1 m	12,00	Northwood—Cong. Society	1,00
Dorothy Folsom, 1 m	5,00	Mrs. Mary Coe for daughter	12,00
Candia—Gent. Association	5,00	Mary Barker, 1 m	
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Brown a gold ring, sold for	12,21	Salem—Congregational Society	6,00
Derry Village—Cong. Society	37	Monthly Concert	3,00
Ezzer—2d Cong. Society	25,00	Windham—Pres. Society	7,00
Hampton—Cong. Society	27,00		23,66
	17,35	Total in this County	209,49

STRAFFORD COUNTY.

Conference of Churches		Meredith Bridge—Rev. John K. Young, 1 m	5,00
Barrington—Cong. Society	7,20	Congregational Society	5,00
Dover—Capt. Moses Paul 1 m	4,48	Sandwich—Monthly Concert	10,75
Dea. Peter Cushing 1 m	5,00	Sandbornton Bridge—Cong. Soci.	75
Wm. Woodman 1 m	5,00	Sandbornton—Cong. Society	10,00
Other members of the Congregational Society	5,00	Dea. Moses Emery an. sub.	2,00
Durham—Cong. Society	58,27	Tamworth—Cong. Society	7,34
Gilmanton Centre—Rev. Joseph Lancaster, 1 m	21,63	Wolfborough North—Congregational Society	2,25
Andrew Mack, 1 m	5,00	Wolfborough Bridge—Congregational Society	8,44
Maria L. Mack, 1 m	5,00	Wakefield—Cong. Society	5,00
Others of the Cong. Society	5,00		
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha Dodge, an. sub.	16,00		
	2,00	Total,	196,11

MERRIMACK COUNTY.

Conference of Churches		Concord South Church	14,53
Boscawen, East Parish—Mrs. Nathaniel Webster, for son	32,79	Tenny K. Gage for son Nathaniel E. 1 m	5,00
Nathaniel 1 m	10,00	Mrs. Nancy Aikin for Isabella A. Noyes 1 m	5,00
Abiel Gerrish for daughter		Rev. D. J. Noyes for son Samuel Aikin 1 m	5,00
Martha Gerrish, 1 m	30,00	Canterbury—Widow Leavitt Clough for son Leavitt Mason 1 m	5,00
Doct Thomas Peach, an. sub.	2,00		
Congregational society	31,48		
Boscawen, West Parish			
Gent. Asso.	16,50		
Young People's asso.	15,00		
Concord 1st Society			
The late Susanna Brown by her Executor, a bequest	100,00		
Monthly Concert	9,00		
Mrs Fisk 1 m	5,00		
Dea Morrill 1 m	5,00		
Other Members of the Society	27,92		

Tray—Monthly Concert
 Souzey—Church & Society
 Winchester—Cong. Society

Walpole—Church, an. instal. 25,00
 Total 260,17
 COUNTY.

Conference of Churches
 Claremont—Cong. Society 25,00
 Samuel J. Stevens 1 m 10,00
 Congregational Society 22,30
 Cornish—Cong. Society 11,75
 Home Missionary Society 11,19
 Mrs. Benjamin F. Dorr 1 m 5,00
 Sarah Wyman 1 m 5,00
 Sarah C. Dorr 1 m 5,00
 Langdon—Monthly Concert 13,00
 Mrs. Hannah Prentice 2,00
 Lemster—2d Cong. Church 2,00
 Kenben Roundy 1 m 5,00
 Newport—Cong. Society 41,59
 A. Hatch & wife for son 5,00
 James Augustus 1 m 5,00
 Jacob Reddington 1 m 5,00
 Rev. John Woods for son 5,00
 Charles Henry Woods 1 m 5,00
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 till the present year.
 Congregational society 19,50
 Rev. John Woods for son 10,00
 Charles H. 1 m 10,00
 A. Hatch & wife for son 10,00
 J. Augustus 1 m 10,00
 Dea. Joseph Wilcox 1 m 15,00
 Mary Anne Gilmore 1 m 14,66
 Congregational society

Plainfield, West—Mrs. Win.
 Hutchinson for daughter 10,00
 Hellen Bingham 1 m 7,37
 Meriden Village—Cong. society 2,00
 Enoch Merrill, an. sub. 5,00
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 C. Baldwin do. 1,00
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 Rhoda Morrill do. 2,00
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 Lucia Wells do. 1,00
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 S. Wingate do. 9,15
 Sundry other Individuals
 Total 347,35

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Bethlehem—Cong. Society 12,25
 Campton—Edmund Cook for
 daughter Sarah Cook 1 m 5,00
 Dea. Burbank dona. 2,00
 Dalton—Congregational Society 1,76
 Rev. Mr. Wood 1,00
 Enfield—Rev. Benj. Barge 5,00
 Franconia—Cong. society 10,58
 Groton—Ezekiel Colburn 5,00
 Isaac Farley 1,00
 Daniel Cummings 2,00
 Haerhill Corner—Cong. Soci. 27,14
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 Prof. Asa Crosby 1 m 10,00
 Congregational society 46,00
 do. 34,25
 Hill—Monthly Concert 3,00
 Lyme—Congregational society 44,95
 Littleton—Abijah Allen, an. sub. 2,00
 Catharine Allen, do. 2,00
 Plymouth—Cong. society 7,67
 J. Joy 1,00
 John Rogers jr. 1,00
 John Rogers 50,00
 William W. Russel for son 5,00
 William 1 m 5,00
 W. W. Russel for son 5,00
 Alfred 1 m 5,00
 do. for son George P. 1 m 5,00
 do. for wife Susan 1 m 5,00
 do. for Mother Betsey R. 1 m 5,00
 William Webster & family 5,00
 Asa Thurston 5,00
 William C. Thompson 5,00
 Moore Russell 1,35
 Giles Merrill & family 1,00
 Richard Bartlett 1,00
 Isaac Ward 1,00
 David Merrill 1,00
 Sundry Individuals 1,00

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 Parker Mrs Sarah, Amherst
 Parker Edmund do
 Parker Elder John, Litchfield

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 Rogers John, Plymouth
 Rogers John P. do
 Rogers Walter M. do
 Rogers Wm S. do
 Rogers Edmund P. do
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 Rogers Mrs Elizabeth do
 Russell Hon Moore do
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 Root Miss Mary Ellen, do
 Rosseter Sherman, Claremont
 Roundy Reuben, Lempster
 Rowland Rev Wm. F. Exeter
 Russell Rev Charles P. Caudia
 Russell Carey, Newport
 Russell William W. Plymouth
 Russell David M. do
 Sabin Rev John, Fitzwilliam
 Sanborn Mrs Abigail, Franklin

NAMES OF CLERGYMEN WHO HAVE PREACHED THE ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON, AND THE PLACE WHERE.

Years.	Names.	Residence.	Where held.
1801	*Elihu Thayer	Kingston	Hopkinton†
1802	Walter Harris	Dunbarton	Concord
1803	*Samuel Wood	Boscawen	Concord
1804	*William Morrison	Londonderry	Concord
1805	*Curtis Coc	Durham	Hopkinton
1806	*Isaac Smith	Gilmanton	Hopkinton
1807	*Isaiah Potter	Lebanon	Hopkinton
1808	*Abijah Wines	Newport	Concord
1809	*Moses Bradford	Francestown	Concord
1810	*Pearson Thurston	Somersworth	Concord
1811	William F. Rowland	Exeter	Dunbarton
1812	*Asa McFarland	Concord	Hollis
1813	Ethan Smith	Hopkinton	Plymouth
1814	*Seth Payson	Rindge	Hanover
1815	*Reed Paige	Hancock	Keene
1816	*John Smith	Salem	Concord
1817	*John H. Church	Pelham	Exeter
1818	John Kelly	Hampstead	Dover
1819	*Samuel Hidden	Tamworth	Haverhill
1820	Prof. Roswell Shurtleff	Hanover	Portsmouth
1821	Joseph Rowell	Cornish	New Ipswich
1822	*Josiah Webster	Hampton	Pembroke
1823	Nathan Lord	Amherst	Acworth
1824	Phineas Cooke	Acworth	Londonderry
1825	Chester Colton	Brentwood	Lyme
1826	Israel W. Putnam	Portsmouth	Durham
1827	*Baxter Perry	Lyme	Rindge
1828	Luke A. Spofford	Brentwood	Salisbury
1829	John M. Putnam	Epsom	Newport
1830	Seth S. Arnold	Alstead	Portsmouth
1831	John Woods	Newport	Concord
1832	Edward L. Parker	Derry	Amherst
1833	Daniel Lancaster	Gilmanton	Keene
1834	Abraham Burnham	Pembroke	Meredith Bridge
1835	Zedekiah S. Barstow	Keene	Plymouth
1836	Nathaniel Bouton	Concord	Exeter
1837	Jacob Scales	Henniker	Claremont
1838	Ebenezer Coleman	Lempster	New Ipswich
1839	Francis Danforth	Winchester	Lyme
1840	Calvin Cutler	Windham	Hampton
1841	Amos W. Burnham	Rindge	Francestown

* Deceased.

† The Society was formed at Hopkinton.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Forty-first anniversary of the New Hampshire Missionary Society imposes upon the Trustees the duty of rendering another annual account of their operations. In doing this, you will not hear of great and splendid achievements. None of those outward marks of consequence which attract the admiration of the world have attended the work in which they have been engaged, yet it has been visible to the wise and good. They have all along watched its progress, and their steady and unabated support furnishes a high vindication of its heavenly character. But the testimony of God is stronger than that of man. He has accompanied this work with the demonstration of his spirit and with power, and so has caused it to hasten that kingdom which "cometh not with observation."

Our past year's labour has been one of anxiety and doubt on the one hand and of no small encouragement and hope on the other. This will appear from the following brief notice of the Missionaries, &c. that have been under the patronage of the Society during a part or the whole of the year now closing.

ANDOVER.

This church was organized a little more than a year ago. It consists of 14 members. The Rev. John Clark having laboured here one fourth of his time, left the field and the State in February. In his last return Mr. Clark says, "For the present they must have help or do without preaching. I am still of the opinion that could a suitable minister be sustained there a few years, there would be but little if any foreign aid needed." This town and the adjacent town of Wilnot form a very interesting and important missionary field which ought not to be neglected.

Appropriation \$25 from March 23, 1841.

BRADFORD.

This church has passed through a season of fiery trial the past year, and we trust the strange spirit which has involved it in so much affliction, has done its worst and last work. It has excommunicated 7 of its members; 4 others have died. Present members 105, of whom 31 are non-

CANAN.

This church has 70 members, 13 of whom are non residents. State of things not very promising. Rev. Liba Conant, Pastor.
Appropriation \$100 from Aug. 20, 1841.

CHARLESTOWN.

"Our prospects," says the Pastor, "were never fairer than at present. Nearly all the pews in our house are now rented, and our fear now is that our house will not long be large enough to accommodate all who may wish to worship with us. We have enjoyed no special influences of God's Spirit the past year. Yet we believe our labours have not been altogether in vain. The progress of truth and righteousness, though slow, is surely onward. There seems to be an increasing disposition among the people to attend meeting. The Sabbath is better observed. Sound morality is becoming more thoroughly established, and the current of public sentiment seems to be gradually in favor of the established principles of evangelical religion." The Church now numbers 49. Two have been hopefully converted, and three have been added to the church by profession. Sabbath School and Bible Class pupils 170. Congregation on the Sabbath averages 150. Contributed to Home Missions by the Cent Society \$18.40. To Foreign Missions \$38.00. Rev. Jonas De F. Richards, Pastor.
Appropriation \$150 from Sept. 20, 1841.

CHESTERFIELD.

We have received quite a flattering report from this place. During the winter there was some religious interest in town and 10 or 12 were hopefully converted, and 10 were added to the church. The congregation has much increased and now numbers about 150. The cause of temperance has made a great advance. It is estimated that the consumption of ardent Spirits has diminished more than three fourths. The church numbers 40. About 160 belong to the Sabbath school and Bible class. Between \$50 and \$60 have been received for the cause of benevolence, but nothing for Home Missions. Rev. Hosea Beckly and B. E. Hale, Missionaries.
Appropriation \$100 from July 25, 1841.

CENTRE HARBOUR.

"During the year," says the pastor, "God has been pleased to grant us some refreshing of his grace, in consequence of which the church has been revived, and in the judgment of charity about 10 have been born again." Six have been added to the church by profession and one by letter. Present number 38. The Sabbath School contains about 100 pupils. Contributed \$20 to Home Missions of which \$10 were by the Cent Society, and \$87.19 have been contributed to other objects. Rev. Almon Benson, Pastor.
Appropriation \$100 from Sept. 1, 1841.

which were at one time in a very unsettled and uncertain condition. This is one of the few churches in the State that has suffered by that spirit of anti-order, and anti-good, which once was and now but feebly is the trouble of Society. Your Missionary writes, "Little more has been accomplished than to keep the congregation together on the Sabbath, and to bring in a few who had not been in the habit of attending meeting. The congregation numbers about 200. The church consists of 114 members. Two or three hopeful conversions. Sabbath school pupils 70. Collected for benevolent objects \$39.42 of which \$10 were for Home Missions. Rev. James Ordway, Missionary. Appropriation \$100 from Oct. 10, 1841.

EFFINGHAM.

This place has been several years without a regular supply. Your Missionary commenced his labours in January. He reports an improvement in the state of the church. Its number is 41. Hopeful conversions 2. Number in the Sabbath School 78. Congregation averages 100. Contributed to Home Missions \$6.50 and \$17.50 to other objects. James Doid, Missionary. Appropriation \$75 from Jan. 1, 1842.

ENFIELD.

The most interesting thing to report concerning this field is a very great advance of the temperance cause. In a population of 1400, it is said there are 8 or 900 pledged to total abstinence. "In regard to our future prospect," writes the Pastor of the church, "we may safely say, God has prepared the way in his providence for a revival of pure religion. Whether this shall be the result, will depend upon the course pursued by his people." Church numbers 29. Sabbath school scholars 50. Congregation on the Sabbath about 100. Collected \$6 for Home Missions by the Cent Society and \$24 for other objects. Rev. Benj. Burge, Pastor. Appropriation \$115 from June 25, 1841.

FARMINGTON.

Your Missionary left his post in January but employed another man to supply till the close of his year in April. From the very flattering reports we received during his labours here, we had imbibed strong hopes for the successful cultivation of this "old waste" and that the ministry would be re-established upon an enduring foundation, but it has happened that we must wait awhile longer till another effort is made, before our hopes will be realized. Rev. Timothy Morgan, Missionary. Appropriation \$100 from April 27, 1841.

FRANCONIA.

"I think," says the Pastor, that there is a growing attachment to the privileges of the Gospel." Considerable has been done to promote the temperance cause. The majority of the inhabitants are now on the temperance list. Out of 5 rum selling houses only 1 remains. The church has

be far greater reason to believe that the ways of Zion would rejoice and the church built up, than is now furnished by a changing ministry. According to the last report, the number of the church is 62. \$4.10 raised by the Cent Society for Home Missions. The Rev. B. B. Beckwith was commissioned last December to labour on this field for one year, but he left at the end of six months, but may return.

Appropriation \$50 from May 5, 1841.

LANGDON.

A most distressing event happened here last May. The frame of the new house of worship this church is now building, fell to the ground after it had been partly raised, and killed one of the workmen, and seriously injured several others. The state of religion in the congregation has not materially changed since our last Report. The church numbers 32. Sabbath school scholars 100. Collections, \$6 for Home Missions and 12 dollars for Foreign Missions. Rev. John Wood, Pastor.

Appropriation \$100 from April 5, 1842.

MARLBOROUGH.

"The congregation on the Sabbath," says the Report, "has rather increased and generally a good degree of interest in the preached word has been apparent. Last winter and spring there appeared to be an unusual interest in the things of religion, but God saw fit to try our faith by not granting us at that time, what I think some of us greatly desired." About 370 out of a population of a little more than 800 have taken the pledge of total abstinence. Number of the church is 77. Two have been added by profession; 130 are connected with the Sabbath School. Raised for the cause of benevolence \$178.78. Of this sum \$20 were for the N. H. M. S. a box of clothing for the West valued at \$43, \$50 for the Parent Society, and \$50 for the American Board, the two last sums were contributed by one individual. Rev. Giles Lyman, Missionary.

Appropriation \$150 from Feb. 1, 1842.

MEREDITH VILLAGE.

We regret that this church has again been compelled to ask aid of the Society, after an interval of independence, and we rejoice too that the Society can come to its rescue from a state of despondency and decline. This necessity has been laid up on it by deaths, and removals. Its present number is 84. Six have been dismissed, 3 excluded, and 2 have died, nothing done for the cause of benevolence. "Some interesting cases of new conversions in the church. Discipline has been attended to. Peace and harmony now prevail. The cause of Temperance is enjoying considerable attention. About 100 pupils in the Sabbath School. The Congregation on the Sabbath averages 150. Rev. Giles Leach, Missionary.

Appropriation (conditional) \$100 from June 1, 1842.

Present number 98. The congregation averages from 90 to 130. Contributed to benevolent objects, \$61.66 but nothing for Home Missions. Rev. John S. Winter, Pastor.
Appropriation \$50 from March 12, 1841.

PLAINFIELD WEST.

In April this church was called to mourn the death of its beloved Pastor, the Rev. Wm. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson was laid aside from his labours soon after he completed his missionary year in October. He had been in commission nearly the whole of his ministry. He was for several years stationed at Dalton and Whitefield and afterwards a few years at Gilesum. He was a faithful and devoted servant of the Cross. The church is now destitute. The number last reported was 39. Contributed to Home Missions \$10.
Appropriation \$100 from Oct. 1840.

ROXBURY.

This church became destitute in May by the dismissal of its pastor who has left the State. No statistics reported. Rev. Alanson Rawson, Pastor.
Appropriation \$100 from June 1, 1841.

RYE.

The Rev. James F. McEwen has been installed the Pastor of this church under favorable prospects of usefulness. The church numbers 126 members and is the largest on our list. Contributed to Home Missions \$35 of which \$15 were from the Cent Society and \$18.44 to Foreign Missions. Sabbath School pupils 75.
Appropriation \$50 from June 1, 1841.

SALEM.

The moral and religious condition of this place is improving. A new impulse has been given to the cause of temperance which has removed one of the greatest obstacles to the success of the gospel here. The church has lost 2 and gained 8 members. Present number 52. Sabbath School pupils 96. Average attendance on public worship 175. Contributed to Home Missions \$10, and \$25 to other objects. Rev. Jonas Fisk, Pastor.
Appropriation \$150 from Nov. 15, 1841.

SEABROOK & HAMPTON FALLS.

This church has hitherto been regarded as one of the most prosperous under patronage, but its prospects are darkened by an unusual number of deaths and removals. Those who still live and remain in town, are harmonious and seem disposed to toil on in the good cause. Number in the church 72. Sabbath School Scholars 110. Congregation about 150.

TRROY.

There has been no material change in the condition of this church and people during the year. The number of the church is 77. Two cases of hopeful conversion. Sabbath School pupils 120. Raised for Home Missions \$37.00 and \$27.54 for other objects. The cause of Temperance has made some progress. Rev. Jeremiah Pomroy, Pastor. Appropriation \$85 from Jan. 1, 1842.

TUFTONBORO.

This church has been supplied one third of the time for the year ending in June by Rev. Joshua Dodge. Its number is 33. Two hopeful conversions. Several Sabbath Schools numbering 150 pupils. \$4.67 contributed by the Cent Society to Home Missions and about \$4 to Foreign Missions. The cause of temperance has made a great advance. Appropriation \$50 from June, 1841.

UNITY.

The Rev. S. S. Arnold laboured as your Missionary here one half of the time for the year ending in April. The church has been destitute since. During Mr. Arnold's labours the church was increased by an addition of 6 by profession and 4 by letter. Its present number is 19. Considerable interest has been awakened in behalf of the institutions of religion, and could the preaching of the gospel be sustained here for a series of years, there is a prospect that this desolation would become a fruitful field, and that this people would enjoy what they never did, the constant services of a Pastor. Collected for Home Missions \$4.66 and for Foreign \$6.95. Appropriation \$50 from April 1, 1841.

WAKEFIELD.

"The average number of the congregation to which I preach," says the Pastor is 160. As I preach in three different parts of the town, I preach to a larger number than this. In the cause of temperance we have made essential progress. Though our condition is not what it should be, still it is not what it would have been at this time, if the ordinances of the gospel had not been sustained here the past year. The time will come I trust, when the gospel will be sustained in this community, and when the amount of aid we have received will be returned into the treasury." Number of church members 65. Four Sabbath Schools and 1 Bible Class embracing 135 pupils. \$17.50 contributed by the Cent Society to Home Missions, and \$37.50 to Foreign Missions. Rev Nathaniel Barker, Pastor. Appropriation \$100 from July 24, 1841.

WARNER.

The Pastor of this church reports that while the cause of temperance has made considerable progress, and three or four have been hopefully converted, the general state of religion has been low. God in his wise

CHURCHES

CHURCHES	RECAPITULATION.		Total		Home Missions		Other objects		Total	
	Males	Females	Total	Hope. Conver.	Add by profes'n	By letter	Total	Dismissed	Excommunicat.	Total
Andover	4	10	14				50	5	7	130
Bradford	31	74	105	2	1		130	2	2	43 00
Bethlehem	8	19	27				43 00			33 00
Bridgewater	7	10	17	4			25			19 24
Bristol	10	34	44		4		19 24			41 00
Brookline	28	55	83	42	2	25	50	5	21	
Canaan	18	52	70		4		140			56 40
Charlestown	12	37	49	2		3	20 00			60 00
Chesterfield	13	37	50	10	2	10	18 40		38 00	39 42
Chester West	44	70	114	3			10 00		29 42	87 19
Centre Harbour	12	26	38	10	6	1	20		67 19	95 00
Conway	35	85	120		1	1	45 00		50 00	13 50
Danbury	21	21	42	6	6	3	6 00		7 50	10 00
Dublin	16	22	38	1	2	4	10 00		49 58	106 78
Effingham	7	29	36	1	2	6	57 20		17 50	24 00
Enfield	15	26	41	2	1	2	6 00		24 00	30 00
Farmington	13	16	29				6 00		13 00	30 57
Fraconia	9	16	25	5	2	1	17 57		34 00	47 50
Gilsum	9	18	27		1	6	13 50		47 50	4 10
Hebron	10	24	34		2	1	4 10			
Hill	8	20	28	2	2	3				
	17	45	62			75				

The results of the preceding articles are as follows. Fifty two churches have been more or less aided the past year. Forty seven Ministers of the gospel, viz: 27 pastors, 19 stated supplies and 1 general agent have been in commission during a part or whole of the year. Two Pastors have been dismissed, one has died. Three Pastors have been settled, and removed to other fields of labour. Three Pastors have been employed to take the places of those who had removed.

The number of communicants in these churches is 2741. The Sabbath School and Bible Classes connected with the congregations embrace 4685 pupils. The churches under patronage have not so generally been favored with the special influences of the Holy Spirit the past year, as it has been our privilege to report on former occasions. Yet the Lord has not wholly forsaken them. Seven churches have experienced interesting revivals, and a few others have shared more or less in the visitations of the Spirit. The number of hopeful conversions reported is 163. There have been added to the churches by profession 131, and by letter 46, making in all 177. The removals have been by death 35, by dismission 40 and by excommunication 19, making in all 94 which shows a net increase of 82. The whole amount contributed to benevolent objects is \$1701.21. Of this sum \$666.88 were contributed to the cause of Home Missions.— These churches have contributed about 35 per cent upon the whole sum expended by the Society in the State, and they have paid more than 14 per cent upon the same directly into your Treasury. What a noble opportunity this enterprise furnishes the christian for a profitable investment of his surplus funds! What an income! It is no less than the riches of the gospel bestowed upon the soul of both the giver and receiver.

By comparing these results with those of last year, we perceive that the Society has made some advance. Three more churches have been aided, 241 more professing christians have been benefited by the charities of the Society, 4 more ministers of the gospel have been employed, 436 more have enjoyed Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction, and \$565, 90 more have been contributed to the various purposes of christian benevolence than last year. And we may add, there has been a vast increase of Temperance effort and success. Almost every Missionary speaks of a great advance of temperance principles and temperance practice during the year. May not this glorious reform be the harbinger of a more glorious work of divine grace upon the field we occupy.

EFFORTS OF THE FEEBLE CHURCHES TO HELP THEMSELVES.

The following table shows how much the feeble churches pay on the dollar of their ratable property for the support of the gospel.

Langdon, nearly	Per cent.	2 1-2	Gilsum nearly	Per cent.	2 1-3
Danbury little more than		2 1-3	Wolf boro' North		2 1-3
Seabrook & H. Falls nearly		1 1-7	Bristol nearly		2 1-3
		2			

against it by the time of the anniversary. It is now our happiness to report that the Society is free from debt. The privilege of making this announcement was hardly anticipated in these times of unparalleled scarcity of money.

The receipts of the Society for the year have been \$4,446.54, and its disbursements \$3,627.65. This is \$838.61 in advance of the receipts reported at our last anniversary. There have also been received from various sources for the American Home Missionary Society \$914.57 of which \$386.61 passed through your Treasury, which makes the whole sum contributed to the cause of Home Missions in New Hampshire \$5,361.11 which is \$861.16 more than was contributed for the same cause last year.

AGENCY.

Besides attending to the duties of his office as Secretary, your agent has travelled in the service of the Society 3700 miles, attended five Cent Anniversaries, visited several feeble churches and destitute places, formed Cent Societies when practicable and addressed 53 congregations on the subject of Home Missions. It is now 10 years since the Society has had a permanent agent in the field, and for the last 8 years the Secretary has been its general agent.

By inspecting the reports of the Society for the past 20 years, it will be seen that the average receipts per annum for the last 10 years have been nearly double the amount received the first 10 years, or for the 10 years previous the establishment of the agency. The average receipts for the first period were \$2702 per annum, and for the last period, there were \$5,391 per annum.

The Trustees are not unmindful of the deep interest taken by many of the pastors in the objects of the Society. Had it not been for their voluntary and persevering co-operation, no agency could have supplied their lack of service, and continued the gospel on our feeble fields. Still there always has been a deficiency of effort on the part of some both ministers and churches. And, besides, there are always unforeseen events occurring, such as sickness, forgetfulness, journeyings, and changes in the ministry, which render it necessary for the agent to visit not a few churches every year, as the almost only hope of realizing the aid of their annual contributions.

It is to be regretted that so much of the agent's time must be devoted to the business of raising funds. As the results of this enterprise are moral and are proportioned to the use of appropriate means, it is believed that a great good might be effected for the cause, by a frequent visitation of the feeble churches on the Sabbath, not with a view of exercising the least control over their own internal affairs; for such a control the Society utterly disclaims, but for the purpose of learning their condition and prospects, and of affording them such counsel and encouragement as their circumstances may require. Various other interests might be better sub-served, were the responsibility of raising funds for the Society more effectually sustained by the Churches. This responsibility was relied on by the Trustees eight years ago, and accordingly they instructed their agent to

GENERAL VIEWS OF THE FIELD.

Were an effort made by every church in the State to raise a competent support for the ministry, we are confident that not more than one half would be able to do it without more or less assistance. Of the 180 Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the State about 70 are reckoned upon the feeble list. In this number are included a few remnants of churches not now recognized as such by the returns made to the General Association.

A goodly number of these churches with no more than ordinary prosperity will sooner or later be able to enjoy gospel privileges at their own charges, but there are others who hold out no other prospect than that of perpetual feebleness and dependence upon the Missionary Society. The time is probably not very near when the operations of this Society will be suspended for want of fields to cultivate. That the Society, should bestow its funds upon those churches that will become able by an ordinary degree of prosperity to sustain themselves without assistance within 5 or 10 years, instead of aiding those who never can become independent, no intelligent friend of the cause will question. This should be its policy, especially when its means are inadequate to respond to every call. But the Home Missionary fund ought never to be inadequate to meet the wants of the destitute, provided the supply of their wants does not conflict with any higher claims of Christian benevolence. It is the principal end, it is true, of Home Missionary effort in the Old States to *build up* and to *repair* the wastes of Zion, but to nourish the feeble and preserve *alive* the things that remain and are ready to die, is an end to be accomplished also by this work of Christian love, scarcely less important. We earnestly invite the friends of this Society to look at this view of the subject. Shall more than half of the feeble churches in New Hampshire be given up to languish and die because their deep poverty, and the opposing influences of an unwholesome generation, seem to put the day of their independence far off in the future? Would it be wise, would it be a dictate of humanity, ever untempered and undirected by the compassion of the gospel, in short would it be a fulfilment of those fraternal bonds which bind the members of Christ's family together to love and cherish each other, to deprive at least one ninth of all the members of our churches of their long cherished opportunities of Sanctuary worship and instruction and leave them to be scattered abroad like sheep without a shepherd? To shut up their Sabbath Schools, to paralyze the efforts of pious parents and of Christians generally by bringing upon them a deep and perpetual despondency, and thus to open the sluices of Sabbath breaking, profanity and infidelity, would this be Christian? Were all the feeble churches to be struck off the patronage of the Society that are not able to show satisfactory evidence that they would soon cease to need its aid, the demand for Home Missionary effort in N. H. would hardly be sufficient to justify much longer, this organization. And were we to adopt this principle of benevolence, we could in no other way so effectually prepare the way for Home Missions in future. We should prepare it by causing a moral depopulation, and by leaving the field in the quiet possession of the enemy whose untiring diligence in sowing tares, briars and thorns.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following sums have been received by the Treasurer of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Antrim, H.—Widow Jane Smith for western missions		5
Acworth, S.—Congregational Society	25 25	12 46
Amherst, H.—Congregational Society	5 00	30 25
Richard Boylston for son R. W. 1 m	9	
Alstead, Ch.—Ladies Benevolent association	7	16 00
Gentlemen	20	
Bradford, H.—Con. Society to Con. Rev. Stephen Rogers 1 m	5	25 00
Rev. Stephen Rogers to Con. son James Palmer 1 m		52 25
Bedford, H.—Gentlemen		
Boscawen M.—Children of the Maternal association for the		
A. H. M. S.		
Doct. Thomas Peach an. sub.		
Abial Gerrish to con. his daughter Mary 1 m	5	
East Boscawen, M.—Congregational Society	2	
Mrs. Nathaniel Webster for son Nathaniel	30	37 00
Bristol, G.—Congregational Society	28	
Brentwood, R.—Con. society to con. Rev. James Boutwell 1 m	5	33 00
of the A. H. M. S.		4 54
Barrington, St.—Congregational Society		30
Rev. S. Nichols 1 m	3 07	
Bethlehem, G.—Home Missionary Society	5	8 07
Brookline, H.—Con. Society to Con. Rev. D. Goodwin 1 m	10	10 25
Centre Harbour, B.—Congregational Society	11	
Chester, R.—Rev. Mr. Clement's Society		21
John W. Noyes 1 m	13	17
Concord, M.—Nathaniel P. Rogers Esq. 1 m	5	18
First Congregational Society	29 78	20
Samuel Morrill 1 m	5 00	
Nathan Ballard an. sub.	2 00	36 78
West Parish Congregational Society	27 53	
Rev. Asa P. Tenney for daughter Mary 1 m	5 00	
Miss Susanna Dow 1 m	5 00	37 58
Rev. Benj. P. Stone 1 m	10	
South Con. Soc. Tenny K. Gage for son Nath'l E. 1 m	5	15
Canaan G.—Mrs. Liba Conant	50	
Jonathan Kittredge, Esq. 1 m	10	
Mrs. Sarah Harris	1 04	
Wm. Brackett an. sub.	2	
John Merrill an. sub.	2	
Rev. I. R. Worcester an. sub.	2	
Chester, R.—West Parish Presbyterian Society	2	17 54
David Currier	8	
Campton, G.—Congregational Church	3	11 00
Edmund Cooke 1 m	2	
Congregational Society	3 00	
Des. James Burbeck	7 25	
Edmund Cooke for daughter Sarah Little, Illinois 1 m	3 00	
Claremont, S.—Congregational Society	8 00	

Hancock, H.—Congregational Society			
Joseph Hill	11	25	
Jaffrey, Ch.—Mrs Edeth Parker for A. H. M. S.	2	00	13 25
Kenne, Ch.—Church and Society			2 00
From R. S. H. for A. H. M. S. to be expended in the valley of the Mississippi	55	65	
Monthly concert			
Hesbourn Society A. H. M. S.	50	00	
A Friend	40	91	
Miss Cynthia Ellis	52	00	
Labanon, G.—Congregational Society	10	00	
Estate of Dea. Nathaniel Porter	25		208 81
Littlton, G.—Congregational Society	14	00	
Collection	61	30	75 30
Abijah Allen and Wife an. sub.	17	00	
Leapster, S.—Elizabeth D. Tolman 1 m	21	14	
Loudon, M.—Second Congregational Church	4	00	42 17
Loudon Village			3 00
Loudon Centre	6	25	
Lyme, G.—Rev. Mr. Tenney's Society	1	50	7 75
Congregational Society			3 87
Langdon, S.—Monthly concert	25	00	33 50
Lancaster, R.—Presbyterian Society	8	50	6 00
Lancaster, C.—Congregational Society			26 00
Meredith Bridge, B.—Congregational Society			5 36
Merrimack, H.—Robert M'Gaw Esq to Con. Mrs Sarah M'Gaw 1 m			15 62
Mason, H.—Congregational Society			10 00
Mont Vernon, H.—Church and Society			20 78
Meriden, S.—Dea. Wm. Shattuck 3 00			28 17
Dea. Daniel Morrill 1 m	5	00	
Henry Wells			
Moses Bryant	50		
Alphonso Wood	0	50	Cyrus Baldwin 2 00
Miss M. M. Green	2	00	Joseph Rowell 1 00
Mrs Hannah Kimball	1	00	Mrs Lucy Wells 25
Mrs Ruth T. Duncan 1 m	5	00	Cyrus S. Richard 1 m 5 00
Miss Mary Jennings			John Spalding 1 00
Marlborough, Ch.—Church and Society			Rev. Amos Blanchard 1 00
Female Benevolent Society			Miss Hannah Duncan 1 00
Unknown Friend			Samuel B. Duncan 3 00
Moultonboro', Ca.—Mrs Martha Dodge an. sub.			
Milford, H.—Congregational Society	13	85	50
John Mussey donation for Western Missions \$30 of which to constitute Abner H. Bartlett 1 m	4	62	32 75
Miss Martha Ann Merrill	2	00	
Mrs Nancy Moore			20 47
\$30 of which to Con. Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace 1 m	9	78	2 00
Newport, S.—Jacob Redington 1 m	100	00	109 73
Miss Sarah Newell for her late husband Jer. Newell	29	00	
Mr and Mrs Alvin Fletcher to con. their son James A. 1 m	1	00	
Miss Mary Ann Gilmore 1 m	5	00	35 00
Rev J. Woods to con. son Charles H. 1 m	5	00	
Dea. J. Wilcox 1 m	5	00	10 00
Congregational Society	5	00	
Northfield—Congregational Society	5	00	
Nelson, Ch.—Congregational Society	15	54	35 54
Dea. Jeremiah Robins			5 00
4	17	73	
	1	00	18 73

New Hampshire Cent Institution in part to constitute
 Rev. George Langdon 1 m
 Balance on hand and brought from last year's account
 Rev. Seth S. Arnold, Westminster, Vt. to constitute
 his daughter Olivia 1 m
 Interest on Rosseter Legacy
 Dividend on 2 shares in Stratford Bank
 Cash received of sundry persons on Loan

13 00
 366 80
 15 00
 12 00
 21 00
 697 33

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The following is the Treasurer's account of disbursements since Sept. 20,
 1841.

Andover and Willmot	\$125	New Market	
Brookline	100	New Castle	125
Bradford	50	Ossipee	100
Bethlehem and Franconia	150	Plainfield	99
Charlestown	150	Rye	50
Centre Harbor	200	Roxbury	37
Conway	145	Surrey	100
Canaan	100	Gilsum	30
Chesterfield	25	Sharon	100
Danbury	160	Salem	25
Dublin	100	Surrey	150
Dalton	75	Sandwich	20
Dorchester, Bridgewater and		Seabrook and Hampton Falls	30
Hebron	85	Thornton	125
Enfield	115	Troy	100
Farmington	100	Unity	85
Gilsum	25	Wakefield	50
Hill	50	Wolfboro' Bridge	155
Hancock Factory	75	North Wolfboro'	100
Hill	50	Warner	50
Langdon	100	Wilton	50
Marlborough	150		50
Paid Rev. David Kimball for printing 40th annual report			35 75
Paid Am McFarland for printing annual cent report			31 74
Paid Benj. P. Stone his salary as secretary and agent			500 00
" his acc. for Postage, Stationary, and Travelling expenses			57 67
Paid Tenny K. Gage his salary as Treasurer			40 00
" his account for stationery and Postage			1 57
Paid I. R. Philbrick for trimming annual report			2 50
Paid Interest on money borrowed			12 54
Paid Henry Brown for design of certificate of Life membership			6 00
Paid Peabody & Daniels for paper for annual report			19 20
Paid J. Perley Esq for advice			1 00
Paid B. P. Stone for paper to cover Report			4 50
Paid Am. Home Missionary Society			258 61
Paid sundry Individuals on Loans			585 54
Cash on hand and carried to new account			14 80

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MEMBERS FOR LIFE

BY THE PAYMENT OF

THIRTY DOLLARS.

Abbott Nathaniel, Concord	
Abbott Rev. Sereus T. Hampton Falls	
Adams Miss Sarah F. do	
Adams Rev. John, Londonderry	
Adams Darwin, Alstead	
Adams Catharine H. do	
Adams Dea. John, Townsend, Ms.	
Aiken Rev. Silas, Amherst	
Aiken Samuel, Chester	
Ainsworth Rev. Laban, Jaffrey	
Allen Mrs. A. E. Merrimack	
Anderson William, Londonderry	
Arnold Rev. Joel R. Chester	
Arnold Rev. Seth S. Alstead	
Arnold Mrs. do	
Arnold Miss M. A. Westminster, Vt.	
Arnold Rev. Samuel, Bristol	
Atwood Amos, Acworth	
Bacon Oliver, Jaffrey	
Badger William, Gilmanton	
Baker Miss Sarah, Lyme	
Baker Davis, Campton	
Barker George W. Rochester	
Barstow Rev. Zedekiah S. Keene	
Barstow Mrs E. F. do	
Barstow William do	
Barstow J. W. do	
Blake Abiel do	
Bell Mrs. Persis, Chester	
Bingham Helen, Plainfield	
Bartlett Mrs. Hannah, Stratham	
Blake Abner H. Milford	
Blake Rev. Robert, Piermont	
Boardman T. Newburyport	
Bodwell Rev. Abraham, Sandbornton	
Boston Rev. Nathaniel, Concord	
Boston Mrs Mary Ann P. do	
Bradford Rev. E. G. Colebrook	
Bradley John, Fryeburg, Me.	
Bartlett Miss Hannah, Campton	
*Bartlett Miss Eleanor, do	
Bartlett David, Jr. do	
Bartlett David, do	
Bartlett Mrs Hannah, do	
Barrett Miss Mary N. New Ipswich	
Barrett Miss Dorothy E. do	
Bradford Rev E. P. New Boston	
*Burgess Rev. Archibald, Hancock	
*Burgess Mrs. Maria G. do	
Burnham Rev. Abraham, Pembroke	
Burnham Mrs. Elizabeth R. do	
Burnham Mrs. Eliza W. do	
Burnham Rev. Amos W. Rindge	
Burnham Mrs. Tirzah do	
Burnham Mrs. Mary, Rahway, N. J.	
Burnham William, Dunbarton	
Brown Ebenezer, Rindge	
Barrett Mrs. Mary do	
Boutwell Ruth, Amherst	
Boutwell Rev. James, Brentwood	
Boylston Richard, Amherst	
Boylston Mrs. Mary do	
Boylston R. W. do	
Butler Abigail Maria, New York	
Bingham Francis M. Cleveland, Ohio	
Bailey Oliver, Dunbarton	
Boutelle David, Hancock	
Breck James, Newport	
Buxton Rev. Edward, Boscawen	
Cooke Rev Phineas, Lebanon	
Cooke Miss Rebecca, do	
Cook Edmund, Jr. Campton	
Cook Mrs Electa, do	
*Cook Moody, do	
Cook Thomas, do	
Clark John, Derry	
Clark Ebenezer, Keene	
Carlton John, Mont Vernon	
Clement Rev Jonathan, Chester	
Clement Mrs P. F. do	
Colby Miss Mitte, Warner	
Colby Levi, Henniker	
Connor Abel, do	
Connor Mary L. do	
*Church John H., D. D. Pelham	
*Church Mrs Hannah, do	
Church Mrs Sarah, do	
Church Miss Esther, do	
Chapin David B. Newport	
Chapin Mary T. do	
Childs Horace, Henniker	
Childs Mrs Matilda T. do	
Clark Avery M. Hancock	
Clary Rev Joseph W. Dover	
Clayes Rev Dana, Plainfield	
Cleveland Rev. J. P. Salem, Mass.	
Coe Ebenezer, Northwood	
Coleman Rev Ebenezer, Lempster	
Conant Rev Laba, Northfield	
Conant Mrs do	
Conant Miss Clarissa, Hollis	
Conant Miss Sarah, do	
Claggett Mrs Margaret, Amherst	
Cutler Miss Rhoda L. Windham	
Cutler Rev Calvin, do	
Dane Rev Charles, Dover	
Dane Dea Moses, Greenfield	
Danforth Rev Francis, Greenfield	
Darling Joshua, Henniker	
Davis James, Hancock	
Davis Mrs Eliza T. Concord	
Davis Miss Sarah E. do	
Davis Rev Increase S. Wentworth	
Davis Mrs Nancy do	
Davis Miss Mary W. do	
Davis Miss Elizabeth A. do	
Davis Ebenezer do	
Davis Thomas A. do	
Day Rev Piny H. Derry	
Dean Mrs Margaret, Exeter	

Knight Rev Isaac, New Chester
 Knight Mrs Phebe, do
 Lawson William, Keene
 Lancaster Rev Daniel, Gilmanton
 Lane Charles J., do
 Lane Rev Joseph, Meredith
 Langley Rev Jonathan
 Latham Mrs B. Lyne
 Leach Rev Giles, Sandwich
 Lewis Rufus G., New Hampton
 Lewis Mrs Sally G., do
 Lewis Rufus S., do
 Lawrence Elizabeth G., Amherst
 Leverett Elizabeth, Plymouth
 Le Bosquet, Rev John, Nottingham
 Leland Miss Dorcas K., Hanover
 Little Valentine, Salisbury
 Little Enoch, Boscawen
 Little James, do
 Little Mrs Caroline, Plymouth
 Little Caleb, Goffstown
 Little Miss Sarah, Illinois
 Locke Charles P., Sullivan
 Loomis Rev J. N., Plainfield
 Lyman Rev Giles, Marlborough
 M'Gregore Elizabeth, Derry
 M'Gregore George, do
 Mack Sophia, Bedford
 Mack Rufus K., do
 Mack Daniel, do
 Mack Daniel K., do
 Manning Rev Abel, Epsom
 Manning Mrs. Mary, do
 Matheson Rev Jas. D. D. Durham, E.
 Marsh Rev Christoph., Roxbury, Ms
 Mack Andrew, Gilmanton
 Mack Maria L., do
 Metcalf Elizabeth, Keene
 Merrill Rev T. A., Middlebury Vt
 Merrill Enos, Deering
 Merrill John, Weare
 Melody Luther, Amherst
 Melody Samuel B., do
 Merrill Rev Joseph, Acworth
 McGee Rev Jonathan, Nashua
 *McFarland Rev A. D. D. Concord
 *McFarland Elizabeth, do
 McGaw Robert, Merrimack
 McGaw Sarah, do
 McNeil Peter, New Boston
 McPherson Sally, Acworth
 McQuesten Mary E., Plymouth
 Miller Mrs. James, do
 Miner Polly, Lempeter
 Moore Rev Humphrey, Milford
 Moore Timothy, do
 Morse Lucinda, Hancock
 Morse Lucinda, do
 Morrill Samuel, Concord
 Morrill David L., do
 Morrill Daniel, Plainfield
 Newman Rev Wm. J., Stratham
 Newman Mrs, do
 Newell Rev Gad, Nelson
 *Newell Martha, do
 Muzzey Rhoda, Peterborough

Newell Jeremiah, New Ipswich
 Norwood Rev Francis, Gifford
 Nott Rev Handel G., Dunstable
 Noyes Rev Daniel J., Concord
 Noyes Parker, Franklin
 Osgood Nathaniel, Henniker
 Ordway Samuel, Hancock
 Parker Edward P., Derry
 Parker John, Litchfield
 Parker Mrs Mary, Merrimack
 Parker Hon. Abel, Jaffrey
 Parker Rev Edward L., Derry
 Parker Mrs Melvinable, do
 Parker Mrs Sarah, Amherst
 Parker Edmund, do
 Parker Elder John, Litchfield
 Patrick Rev Wm. Canterbury
 Patrick Mrs Mary, do
 Parsons Benjamin H., Meriden
 Patten William, Bedford
 Peach Miss Susan, Boscawen
 Perkins Rev J. W., New Hampton
 Perkins Dea John, Derry
 *Perry Rev Baxter, Lyme
 Perry Rev David, Hollis
 Perry Mrs A. D., do
 Perry Miss Caroline A., do
 Perry Miss Julia Anne S., do
 Peters Rev Absalom, D. D. N. York
 Peters George Absalom, do
 *Piper Rev Asa, Wakefield
 Pillsbury Oliver, Henniker
 *Porter Nathaniel, Lebanon
 Prentice Rev Josiah, Northwood
 Price Rev Ebenezer, Boscawen
 Price Mrs Lucy, do
 Proctor John, Henniker
 Punchard Rev George, Plymouth
 Punchard Mrs Willemine, do
 Punchard John, Salem, Mass.
 Putnam Rev John M., Dunbarton
 Putnam Mrs Arethusa, do
 Putnam Henry Martyn, do
 Putnam Rev Israel W., Portsmouth
 Putnam Rufus A. Jr., Chichester
 Rankin Rev Andrew, Salisbury
 Reed William, Jr., Amherst
 Reed Andrew, D. D. London, England
 Richmond Rev Thomas T., Newmarket
 *Ripley James, Cornish
 Rich Rev Ezekiel, Troy
 Richards Rev Austin, Franconstown
 Richardson Rev William, Wilton
 *Rolf Dea Abiel, Concord
 Robinson Rev Isaac, Stoddard
 Robinson Mrs Esther, do
 Rogers John, Plymouth
 Rogers John P., do
 Rogers Walter M., do
 Rogers Wm S., do
 Rogers Edmund P., do
 Rogers Mrs Nancy, do
 Rogers Mrs Elizabeth, do
 Rogers Nathaniel P., Esq Concord

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FORTY SECOND
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OF THE

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OF THE

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BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

The FORTY SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, has called us together to look over again one of the fields upon which your charities have been bestowed. As the Trustees proceed to give an account of their operations for the year now closing, you

will perceive the same lights and shades that have attended the Home Missionary enterprise in this State, from the beginning.

A general view of the feeble churches that have been aided during the year, will be presented in the same order as in former years.

"	Calvin Chapman.	150 11	31	42	16	2	18	2	3	4	45 16 00 41 50 57 50
"	Edmund Bort.	75 10	20	37	1	1	2	4		4	40 18 00 21 00 43 00
"	James Tisdale.	100 11	26	37	2	1	2				96 31 35 17 10 58 35
"	A. Waitt.	50 24	54	78	1	6	2				100 12 35 10 00 32 61
"	B.B. & Wm. Le Bosquet.	100 30	47	78	9	1	11	3	4	1	5 100 2 51 9 62 9 62
"	Wm. Page.	100 31	21	33	4	1	1	1	3	1	9 100 14 66 34 12 48 78
"	Wm. Wood.	150 12	21	73	4	4	82	5	8	2	150 25 95 25 95 51 47
"	John Hawley.	100 20	53	100 28 28	1	13	12	8	8	2	8 100 12 50 37 00 49 50
"	Z. K. Lyman.	125 31	62	113 12 12	2	2	9	7	5	2	8 124 25 00 5 00 30 00
"	Giles Leach,	100 8	21	29	2	1	11	3			2 40 10 52 24 51 35 43
"	Giles Tyler.	150 11	19	30 10 10	3	3					7 75 25 13 33 57 60 00
"	J. S. N. Greely.	125 11	61	101	3						85 5 00 5 00 5 00
"	S. S. Tucker.	50 40									60 6 00 18 50 24 00
"	E. T. S. Winter.	125 12	21	27	1	1	2	2		1	1 60 12 38 22 99 35 31
"	John S. Adams.	100 9	28	43	11		11				1 75 15 00 37 00 52 00
"	John S. Adams.	50 16	32	118 10							96 100 12 00 12 82 24 82
"	Darwin Scales.	25 36	32	48	2	5	7	2	4	4	6 90 30 00 59 00 89 00
"	Jacob Adams.	125 16	63	92 10	11		13				40 40 7 00 7 00
"	Ezra F. McEwen.	125 29	63	82 30 11							8 120 26 56 35 24 61 88
"	James F. Hayward.	125 36	56	8							115 33 50 30 50 54 00
"	J. Fisk.	40	6	28	34	1	2	6		3	13 150 7 42 42 58 50 00
"	Otis Holmes.	140	6	83 30 13		1	15				50 2 62 5 00 7 63
"	S. T. Richardson.	75 36	57	63	5	1	2	2	10	3	50
"	Henry Smith.	100	50	100 150 30 39		1	40	11			50 10 00
"	Jeremiah Pomroy.	75	8	14	22	7	3				
"	Jeremiah Barker.	50 8	14	22	7						
"	N. W. Perkins.	50 26	40	66							
"	J. W. Mason.										
"	Samuel Howard.										
"	Nathan Howard.										
"	J. Blake.										
"	J. Blake.										

Wolfeborough North

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The church now numbers 80 members. Contributed to benevolent objects \$37.57, of which \$12.57 were for Home Missions.

Rev. Daniel O. Morton, Pastor.—
Appr. \$100 from Jan. 1, 1842.

BROOKLINE. "The revival enjoyed here," writes the Pastor, "a little more benefit to this church, not only in increasing its numbers, but in maturing the graces of the oldest Christians."—The cause of Temperance has been advancing. The preached word, Sabbath School instruction, and other means of grace, are represented as highly prized and prosperous. Present number of the church is 85, to which 3 have been added by letter.—The Sabbath School numbers 140; \$33 have been contributed to Foreign Missions, and \$8 to Home Missions.

Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Pastor. Appr. \$100 from Jan. 1, 1843.

CHARLESTOWN. This important missionary field which has so much excited the interest of the benevolent in its behalf for a few years past, seems to promise a speedy answer to their most ardent expectations. It is our privilege to report another season of precious revival enjoyed by this church last winter, which resulted in 25 hopeful conversions, 18 of whom have united with the church. The present number of the church is 64. "There is no special interest among us at present," writes the pastor, "though the general aspect of our affairs appears as favorable as it ever has been." \$44 have been contributed to the cause of benevolence; how much of this was for Home Missions is not reported.

Rev. Jonas D. F. Richards, Pastor. Appr. \$100 from Sept. 20, 1842.

CHESTERFIELD. This church has sustained the gospel without missionary aid since January, and though it will subject them to much effort and self denial, we trust they will be

enabled to enjoy the institutions of religion, at their own charges. A pastor settled, a convenient parsonage built, an interesting revival; the expense of ardent spirits in the town reduced from 5000 to 1500 dollars a year, the church more than doubled, and some other good things accomplished within less than two years. A revival was experienced last winter; the number of its subjects was not reported. The church now has 87 members.

Rev. Benj. E. Hale, Pastor. Last appr. \$100.

CHESTER WEST. The church in this place has been recently reorganized upon Congregational principles.—Fifteen members of the old Presbyterian church now compose it. The remainder of the old church who are friendly to church order are expected to unite with it soon; also some 12 or 15 individuals residing in the place, who are either members of other churches, or are indulging a hope, will probably unite with it. Contributions to benevolent objects are \$5.25 to Home Missions, and \$19.34 to Foreign Missions.

Rev. Samuel Ordway, Missionary. Appr. \$100 from Oct. 10, 1842.

CENTRE HARBOR. During the spring this church enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, which resulted in 11 hopeful conversions, 9 of whom have united with the church.—"The converts," says the Pastor, "appear more like those of former times, steadfast, and engaged in the work of the Lord. They are almost wholly the children of the church. Nearly all of the children of the church, who are over 12 years of age are indulging hope of salvation. Our Sabbath School is in a flourishing state, and the sale of ardent spirit as a beverage is discontinued." Number of the church 47. Raised for Home Missions \$100.

non-residents; seven infants have been baptised, \$60 were raised for benevolent objects, of which \$22,17 were for Home Missions.

Rev. Henry A. Kendall, Pastor.—
Appr. \$100 from June 1, 1843.

EFFINGHAM. This church has been destitute since January; its present state is not reported.

Rev. James Doldt, Missionary.—
Appr. \$50 from Jan. 4, 1842.

ENFIELD. The Pastor of this church being in feeble health, and somewhat discouraged, left the ground in April. The church is much depressed in view of its destitute condition and of the many obstacles to its enlargement with which it is surrounded. During the winter there was considerable religious excitement in the place, and about 25 were thought to be converted, but as yet none of them have united with the church. What the will of the Lord is with respect to this field, time must reveal. The church numbers 30 members; \$9,78 contributed for Home Missions.

Rev. Benjamin Burge, Pastor. Appr. \$100 for nine months from Aug. 1, 1842.

EPHINGHAM. The way seems to be preparing for the enlargement of Zion in this ancient town. During the year a new house of worship has been erected, a minister has been settled, and a great temperance reformation has taken place. The church now numbers 42, to which 16 have been added by profession during the year. \$57,50 have been contributed to benevolent objects, of which \$16 were for Home Missions.

Rev. Calvin Chapman, Pastor. Appr. \$150 from Sept. 7, 1842.

FRANCONIA. Some religious interest has occurred in this place during the year. Six have been hopefully born again; the church consists of 30 members - contributed to the cause of

were for Home Missions. "This sum notwithstanding the hard times," says the Pastor, "is considerably more than has been contributed any one year before. This shows that it is not so much owing to hard times as to hard hearts, that the treasury of the Lord is at present so deficient." The two churches in Franconia and Bethlehem are under the pastoral care of Rev. Edmund Burt, and share equally in his labors. Appr. \$75 from Sept. 1, 1842.

GILSUM. This church is composed of 37 members, of whom 15 are non-residents. There are three Sabbath Schools belonging to the Society, in different sections of the town, embracing 96 pupils. Collected for Home Missions \$21,25, and for other objects \$17,10. The cause of temperance has made some advance, "our audience," says your Missionary, "is nearly one fifth larger than it was last summer, and we feel, that, in many respects, the town is improving."

Rev. James Tisdale, Missionary.—
Appr. \$100 from June 1, 1843.

GOSHEN. This church has had preaching but half of the time for several years past, and has not for that reason needed aid. To enable it to sustain the means of grace all the time, it has returned to the Missionary Society for assistance. It is represented as united and firm, and thus far unaffected by the "combined efforts" of its enemies to destroy it. Its number is 78. About 100 are connected with the Sabbath School and Bible Class; \$22,25 have been contributed to benevolent objects, but nothing to Home Missions.

Rev. A. Waitt, Missionary. Appr. \$50 from Dec. 1, 1842.

HILL. This church has long been under the patronage of the Missionary Society, and the day of its independence is as remote as ever. But the friends of Home Missions have reason to rejoice that God has so richly blessed the preaching of his word at

NEW CASTLE. There has been considerable religious interest on this Island during the year. The church has received an accession of 12 by profession; its present number is 20: a few years since it had only 6 members: it is now larger than it ever has been since the memory of man. Eight have been baptised: nothing done for the cause of benevolence.

Rev. Joseph P. Tyler, Missionary. Appr. \$100 from June 1, 1842.

NEW MARKET. About a year since this church was destitute and much discouraged. The Rev. Stephen S. N. Greely was employed in November, and soon after was installed as the pastor of the church. Since then the church has purified itself by discipline, the congregation has increased, the Sabbath School has been revived, and the state of things has assumed a more hopeful aspect. "The church," says the Pastor, "feel to thank God and take courage." Its number is 70; there are 124 connected with the Sabbath School. \$15 have been contributed by the Cent Society to Home Missions, and \$10 to other objects.

Rev. Stephen S. N. Greely, Pastor. Appr. \$150 from Nov. 1, 1842.

NEW MARKET SOUTH. This church has 30 members, to which 10 have been added by profession: number in the Sabbath School and Bible Class 40. Contributed to benevolent objects \$34.53 of which \$10.92 were for Home Missions. "During the year," writes the Pastor, "we have enjoyed the out pourings of God's Spirit among us, and the cause has been strengthened. Seven family altars have been erected; a good proportion of the subjects of grace have been heads of families. The cause of Temperance has made good progress during the year."

Rev. Elijah W. Tucker, Pastor. Appr. \$125 from Sept. 12, 1842.

OSSIPEE. "During most of the

"nothing has transpired very prosperous or adverse; meetings have been well attended, especially on the Sabbath, and we number some 8 or 10 hopeful conversions: 3 have united with the church, and 2 more stand propounded." The monthly concert is attended with interest; Sabbath School interesting, the cause of Temperance advancing. The amount of charitable contributions is between 50 and 60 dollars, of which \$26.13 were for Home Missions. The Pastor has been commissioned to labor seven weeks in two destitute places in the vicinity, which relieves the church from the necessity of applying for aid the present year.

Rev. John S. Winter, Pastor. Appr. \$50 from March 11, 1842.

OSSIPEE CORNER. There is no church and no established order of religious worship in this place. It is the county seat for Carroll, and is somewhat an important missionary field.—The Rev. John S. Winter is now under commission to labor a portion of his time here and at Tiltonborough.

Date of his commission June 17, 1843.

PAPER MILL VILLAGE (ALSTEAD).—

In a growing village like this with strong prejudices against the truth, and with every thing to be done to prepare the way for its permanent establishment and influence upon the community, much patient effort and sacrifice on the part of both minister and people is necessary. A little more than a year since, the church, consisting of 33 members, was organized and a minister employed. The importance of the place,—the fact that very little evangelical preaching was enjoyed by a population of more than 300, the most of whom being unable to attend at a distance, and the expression of neighboring ministers induced the trustees to take it under a house of worship has

Rev. Sereno T. Abbot, Pastor.—
 Apr. 125 dollars from July 1, 1842.

SHELBURNE. This church contains only 8 members and is the smallest under patronage. It is remotely situated, east of the White Mountains, on the borders of Maine. Your Missionary writes, "I regret to say that I am unable to speak of any additions to the church, or any interest during the year past, indicating the special presence of the Holy Spirit; there is a continued and perhaps I may say a growing interest in the preaching of the gospel. Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction is pretty well attended to; the cause of temperance is flourishing."

Rev. Henry Richardson, Missionary. Apr. 40 dollars from May 1, 1843

SURRY. The house of worship here, which had been abandoned by the church some months since, on account of its being private property, and of the supposed inability of the church to purchase it, has been saved. "Our brother, the owner and builder of the house, gave to the church and society, a large portion of his demand. And in addition to what they had paid before, we have now to pay \$300, not a small sum, for so small a people to pay in money, and continue their annual support of the Gospel." The number of the church is 34, and in the Sabbath School 40. \$7 contributed to Home Missions.

Rev. Elihu Smith, Missionary.—
 Apr. \$140 from July 1, 1842.

TROY. This church consists of 83 members, 12 of whom are non-residents; 13 have been added by profession, and 2 by letter. Amount raised for the cause of benevolence \$61.88, of which \$26.56 was for Home Missions. "A revival began here in the fall," says the Pastor, "and continued without much noise through the win-

where near 30 conversions; but not quite half that number have yet made a public profession of religion. The state of things is not as interesting with us as then, and yet meetings are pretty well attended, and peace and harmony prevail."

Rev. Jeremiah Pomroy, Pastor.—
 Apr. \$75 from Jan. 1 1843.

WAKEFIELD. The church in this place has 63 members to which 1 by profession, and 1 by letter has been added; 5 hopeful conversions. The Sabbath School, and Bible Class, has 115 pupils. \$23.50 have been contributed to Home Missions, and \$30.50 to other objects. "We have witnessed during the year," writes the pastor, "scenes of great excitement, and extravagance, and have lost two members of the church under the influence of Millerism. Large numbers have been represented as converts in the town, during last year, but I may not report them, either in connexion with the Congregational Society, or with other denominations. Many of them have withered away, and give pitiable evidence that they were only alarmed by a delusive theory." The state of things is peculiar and critical. The Lord only, can save the cause in Wakefield.

Rev. Nathaniel Barker, Pastor.—
 Apr. \$100 from July 24, 1842.

WARNER. A powerful revival commenced in this town in the fall, and continued through the winter. "More than 100 persons," writes the Pastor, "perhaps 120, or 130, have expressed a hope in Christ, embracing all classes and ages" nearly, or quite 20 family altars have been erected within the compass of our society; 39 have united with the church, and others are expected to unite soon. The pecuniary strength of the church has somewhat increased, and some new members added to the congregation. The church now numbers 150," and is the largest in state aided by the Society. 150

Seven of this number have been settled as pastors.

At no time since the organization of the Society, has so large a number of its missionaries sustained the relation of pastors, as at the present. The largest number of missionaries ever in commission any one year is 63, and yet only 19 of them were pastors. The settlement of the ministry, after the old staid manner of our fathers, is an important object to be effected by this Society. Long experience has shown that there is something in the pastoral relation not ordinarily found where this relation does not exist, that is essentially favorable to a permanent ministry, and to a more certain advancement of the general interests of religion.

The whole number of additions to the feeble churches reported, is 355 by profession, and 94 by letter; in all 449, which is 272 more than last year.—The number of removals is 50, leaving a net increase of 399. The present number of communicants connected with the churches is 2,856. The number of baptisms have been, adults, 118, infants 82, total 200.

Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, have been sustained with usual interest in most of the congregations.—The number of pupils connected with these schools and classes is 4000.—The cause of Temperance has made great advances during the year. In some towns the traffic in intoxicating drinks has been wholly abandoned.

No year since 1831 has been so highly distinguished for revivals of religion enjoyed by the feeble churches as has been the one now closing.—

The churches reported to have been thus favored are those in Andover, Bethlehem, Bradford, Bristol, Charlestown, Chesterfield, Centre Harbor, Dalton, Danbury, Enfield, Marlboro', Meredith Village, New Castle, New Market S., Rye. Seabrook. Hampton Falls,

ers have shared more or less in the showers of divine mercy which have passed over our Zion. As the results of these revivals, 428 have been hope-fully converted to Christ, and the churches have been greatly refreshed with strength and consolation.

Two houses of worship have been erected, one has been removed to a more favorable site, and one has been restored to the use of the church and society, which, for a time had been excluded from it, in consequence of its being owned by an individual.—

All the feeble churches now under patronage, with only one exception, have comfortable houses of worship, conveniently located, and the most of them new and of modern style.

The whole amount contributed to the cause of benevolence by the churches aided during the year is \$1781.94. Of this sum \$603.51 were contributed to the cause of Home Missions. These churches have contributed about 50 per cent. upon the whole sum expended for their benefit, and they have paid about 17 per cent. upon the same to the cause of Home Missions.

AGENCY.

Your agent has spent the year in endeavoring to promote the cause of Home Missions in various ways as far as he was able. He has spent nearly three fourths of his Sabbaths in pleading the cause, and about one fourth in visiting feeble churches. He has circulated the reports of the A. H. Missionary Soc., of the N. H. M. Soc., and of the Cent Institution, and also about 2000 of the tracts entitled "Our Country." He has attended five county anniversaries, and one ordination, and has travelled 4,355 miles.

TREASURY.

There being no balance on hand at our last anniversary, and the liabilities of the Society being nearly 700 dollars in advance of what has been its

been greater than its means, and had not past experience made it apparent that the churches would not sustain the Trustees in the present extent of their operations, nearly all that the feeble churches have asked, they probably would have granted.

When a feeble church, through much effort, has succeeded in raising 200 or 300 dollars, and then comes to the Missionary Society and begs for 100 or 150 dollars to make up a meagre support for him who administers to them in spiritual things, but gets the pledge of only half or two thirds of what it asks, with an admonition to supply the balance by an increased effort, the effect upon that church and upon the interests of religion is often unhappy. In some cases, where there is a real ability not before called into action, it is salutary. It has always been the policy of the Trustees to persuade every feeble church to support the gospel themselves as soon as possible. But to withhold from the feeble churches any amount they actually need, other reasons for aiding them being equal, is not, in its results, economical. The effect of such policy is either to dispirit and cripple them, or to take from the missionaries themselves a part of their already scanty means of subsistence. Surely, minds of comprehensive views, cannot approve of such a course as this. That church which asks aid of the Missionary Society from its own necessity, and asks only that it may be able to do more for itself, is worthy of alms and of sympathy. It is painful—it is unchristian, to turn it empty away. But to give to that church which asks only for the sake of indulging its own penuriousness, is almost a sure guarantee of its feebleness.

EVIDENCES OF ADVANCEMENT.

the country, and in thousands of instances, of an easy and unembarrassed condition, we have the evidence that he has made this a period of peculiar prosperity in many important respects. And when all things are justly considered, even the financial concerns of the Society are not to be excepted as sharing in the prosperity of this period. By deducting the amount of installments received on life member pledges, which for the most part were made previous to 1838, and also the amount of legacies and dividends upon the permanent fund from the annual receipts, the remainder will show the true amount received from collections and donations.

In 1838 these installments amounted to	\$1,044,00
Legacies and dividends	696,00
Collections and donations	3,786,96
In 1839 these installments were	718,00
Legacies and dividends	1,063,73
Collections and donations	3,368,37
In 1840 these installments were	777,00
Legacies and dividends	892,92
Collections and donations	3,117,26
In 1841 these installments were	636,00
Legacies and dividends	528,00
Collections and donations	3,131,00
In 1842 these installments were	314,00
Legacies and dividends	1,121,18
Collections and donations	3,849,67
In 1838 the whole amount of receipts were	\$5,431,92
In 1839 they were	5,150,10
In 1840 they were	4,787,98
In 1841 they were	4,295,00
In 1842 they were	5,274,85
In 1843 they were	4,482,65

Balance of the

ingness, and they should excite us to
exclaim "Not unto us, O Lord, not
unto us, but unto thy name give glo-
ry."

THE DEMANDS OF OUR COUN- TRY UPON CHRISTIANS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Were our State an isolated portion
of the land, or were there no channels
of influence communicating between
it and the more distant members of
the Union, then there would be less
reason for extending our efforts abroad
after we had supplied the wants of our
own needy population. But though it is
small and ancient, it is a vigorous and
important member of a sisterhood of
States, spreading over an area of
2,000,000 square miles, all lying in
juxta position, within a few hours dis-
tance from each other, and constitut-
ing the mightiest republic of modern
times. We have but just awoke from
the slumbers into which the hand
of paternal tenderness had rocked us,
and we find that we had been dream-
ing, when we saw in the Alleghenies, or
the Mississippi, the boundaries of the
Western world. The light of a new
day has risen upon us, and we now
see an empire stretching far towards
the setting sun, and swarming with
millions of human beings, who seem
by the magic improvements of the age,
to become the next door neighbours of
the staid dwellers of New England.—
And what is to be the moral and reli-
gious character of these new and ex-
tensive portions of our confederacy?—
Let every American citizen, especial-
ly every descendant of the Pilgrims,
ask this question in view of the part he
himself is acting in the grave and sol-
emn work of laying the foundations of
our national morals and religion. It is
in the opinions he advances touching
the great moral and religious interests
of the nation, it is in the example of

he is, so far as he is concerned, to
find an answer to this question.—

When it is considered that every cit-
izen of this republic is one of its sov-
ereigns—that his will is law, and his
power irresistible, his responsibility to
discharge well the duties of his high
trust is amazing. And can he acquit
himself as a faithful ruler except he be
governed by the principles and spirit of
the Gospel? Ungoverned by these
principles and spirit, he is inclined to
despotism, and the moment he becomes
a despot, trampling upon the interests
of his equals in power to advance his
own, he turns traitor to his country,
and threatens it with common anar-
chy and ruin.

To fill the whole land with the
means of making its growing millions,
intelligent, moral and devoted to the
service of God, should be the far
reaching policy of the christian patri-
ot. It is in the silent and all control-
ling influence of such means that he
can hope and only hope to preserve his
own blessings as a christian and a free-
man, and to see the same conferred up-
on his country as its everlasting in-
heritance. When, therefore, we look
at the population of this land, increas-
ing at the rate of 2000 per day,—
when we contemplate the gigantic
efforts of the "man of sin" to gain
supremacy over us, and when we find
our habitations among 400,000 fami-
lies without the Bible, and surrounded
with 6,000,000 of souls without an
evangelical ministry, how can we close
our hand in selfishness and entail on
our country and the world the woful
consequences of violated obligations!
The Home Missionary action, though
increasing among us, is yet feeble, and
while the heart of the churches beats
so slowly and faintly, the movements
of the whole body will be sluggish,
and few will be its efforts upon an en-
larged and comprehensive scale. The
truth must be infused

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The following sums have been received by the Treasurer of the New Hampshire
Missionary Society.*

<i>Antrim, H—Church and Society</i>	13 50	
Dea. Robert Duncan for Valley of Miss.	3 00	
Ladies Association	6 39	22 89
<i>Amherst, H—Stephen Damon</i>	1 50	1 50
<i>Acworth, S—Church and Society</i>	30	
Mrs. Betsey Duncan to con. her son Theron 1 m	30	
Rev. Mr Edwards	1	61 00
<i>Barrington, St—Rev. Samuel Nichols 1 m</i>	5	5 00
<i>Boscawen West, M—Church and Society</i>	22	22 00
<i>Boscawen East, M—Mrs. Martha A. Gerrish 1 m of the A. H. M. S.</i>	30	
Doct. Thomas Peach an. sub.	2	
Sabbath School Scholar	25	32 25
<i>Brentwood, R—Church and Society</i>	28 75	28 75
<i>Bristol, G—Church and Society</i>	5 57	
D. O. Morton 1 m	5 00	10 57
<i>Bethlehem, G—Church and Society</i>	8 50	8 50
<i>Brookline, H—Church & Society to con. Dr. David Harris 1 m complete</i>	20 00	20 00
<i>Bedford, H—Rev. Thomas Savage to con. his daughter Julia A. 1 m</i>	5 00	5 00
A. H. M. S.	28 99	
<i>Claremont, S—Church and Society</i>	10	38 99
Rev. Joseph Rowell annual subscription for 5 years	23 07	
<i>Chester, R—Church and Society</i>	10	
Mrs. Nancy Aiken for Isabel A. Noyes 1 m	5	
John W. Noyes 1 m	10	48 07
Mrs Clara D. Noyes 1 m	3 26	
<i>Concord East, M—Church and Society</i>	1	
Rev. Timothy Morgan	1	5 26
Mrs. Webster	26 60	
<i>Concord West, M—Church and Society</i>	5	
Rev. A. P. Tenney for daughter Mary 1 m	10	41 60
Miss Susan Dow 1 m	2 00	2 00
<i>Concord North, M—Nathan Ballard, Esq. an. sub.</i>	26 63	
<i>Concord South, M—Church and Society</i>	5	
Mrs. B. P. Stone 1 m	5	
Rev. Benj. P. Stone to con. his son George W. 1 m	50	
Miss Eleanor Johnson	5	42 13
Tenny K. Gage 1 m	5 59	5 59
<i>Campton, G—Church and Society</i>	10	10 00
<i>Cornish S—Miss Sarah Kimball</i>	12 57	5 00
<i>Cantbury, M—Miss Abigail Clough to con. her son D. Webster 1 m</i>	200	212 57
<i>Centre Harbor, B—Church and Society</i>	65	65 00
Mrs. Julietta Benson's legacy for A. H. M. S.	11 75	11 75
<i>Candia, R—Church and Society</i>		

A. Holbrook	25	
Elijah Adams	13 33	
Paid by the hand of Rev. Z. S. Barstow	5	
Miss E. P. Withington	5	
C. C. Denny	2	
Mrs Mary F. Perkins for A. H. M. S. 1 m	10	
Mrs Mary W. Townes for A. H. M. S. 1 m	10	
Lempster, S—First Con. Church by Miss Elizabeth D. Tolman 1 m	136 46	
Collection	3	
Lempster, S—Second Con. Church	5 44	8 44
Lebanon, G—Church and Society	1 50	1 50
Lilledon, G—Church and Society	12	12 00
Abijah Allen and wife	14 23	
Lyme, G—Con. Church	4	18 23
Langdon, S—Monthly Concert	90	90 00
Mrs Hannah Prentiss' donation	9 66	
Miss Hannah S. Prentiss	5	
Londonderry, R—Pres. Church and Society	1	15 66
Lynleboro', H—Con. Church & Society to con. Rev. Ivory Kimball 1 m	17 01	17 01
Mont Vernon, H—Church and Society	33 61	33 61
Timothy Kittredge for wife Frances 1 m	50 50	
Timothy Kittredge in full 1 m	10	
Meredith Bridge, B—Church and Society	5	65 50
Meredith village, B—Mrs Susan Sanborn an. sub.	7 57	7 57
Moultonboro', Ca—Mrs Susan Dodge	2	2 00
Nason, H—Church and Society	2	2 00
Marlboro', Ch—Church and Society	13 85	13 85
R. S. H. by the hand of Rev. Giles Lyman	17 45	
Capt. Wm. Farrer	4	
Manchester, H—Con. Church and Society for A. H. M. S.	50	21 95
Newport, S—Balance of last year's contribution	62	62 00
Con. Church	1	
Dea. Joseph Wilcox 1 m	11 58	
Alven Hatch and wife for son James A. 1 m	5	
New Market, R—Church and Society	5	22 58
Northwood, R—Con. Church to con. Rev. Elliot C. Cogswell 1 m	9 47	9 47
Nashua, H—First Con. Church and Society \$7 of which is for	16 34	16 34
A. H. M. S.	23 56	23 56
Portsmouth, R—Church and Society	31 78	31 78
Plymouth, G—Church and Society	25 46	
Wm. Green	5	
Mrs Mary P. Bradley	5	
Wm. Webster	1	
Clough Webster	1	
Wm. W. Russell for his mother complete 1 m	5	
Wm. W. Russell for his wife " "	5	
Wm. W. Russell for himself " "	5	
Wm. C. Thompson	5 50	
John Rogers for daughter Charlotte H. 1 m	15	
James O. Ward's legacy	6	
Paid Rev. Benj. P. Stone for supplying Pulpit	7	85 96
Pittsfield, M—Church and Society to con. Mrs J. Curtis 1 m	5	
" " to con. Rev. J. Curtis complete 1 m	5 40	
Church and Society	11 25	21 65
Peterboro', H—Gentlemen's Association	5	
Mrs Davidson	20	25 00
Roxbury, Ch—Church and Society	12 38	12 38
Rind	64 32	

Dalton,	C.		
Enfield,	G.	"	Horace Wood
Effingham,	S.	"	Benj. Burge
Epping,	R.	"	James Dolbt
Gilsum,	Ch.	"	Calvin Chapman
Hill,	G.	"	James Tisdale
Hudson,	H.	"	B. B. Beckwith
Langdon,	S.	"	Wm. Page
Meredith village,	B.	"	John Wood
Marlboro',	Ca.	"	Giles Leach
Shelburn,	C.	"	Giles Lyman
South New-Market,	R.	"	Henry Richards
Salem,	R.	"	E. W. Tucker
Sandwich,	St.	"	Jonas Fish
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	R.	"	Otis Holmes
Troy,	Ch.	"	Sereno T. Abbott
Tuftonborough,	S.	"	J. Pomroy
Washington,	S.	"	Joshua Dodge
Warner,	M.	"	Samuel Mason
Deering,	H.	"	James W. Perkins
Paid American Home Missionary Society		"	William Richardson
Paid Rev. Benj. P. Stone his salary as Secretary and Agent			45 00
Paid Rev. Benj. P. Stone his postage, stationary and travelling expenses			636 72
Paid Tenney K. Gage his salary as Treasurer			305 00
Paid U. E. Baldwin for engraving a design of Life-Membership			70 61
Paid Rev. Benj. P. Stone the expense of stereotype of Life-Membership			40 00
Paid Capt. Asa McFarland for printing 41st Report			12 00
2500 copies of Report of N. H. Cent Institution			1 00
Paid Rev. David Kimball for printing certificate of Life-Membership and			63 63
Paid Capt. Asa McFarland for printing Circular			35 73
Paid sundry Individuals on loan			2 87
" interest on loan			1 96
Paid on exchange of money			216 07
Paid postage and stationary			4 58
Cash on hand			56
			2 75
			7 31
			4,522 66

RECAPITULATION.

The amount received from the several Counties and from other sources.

Belknap County	249 95
Carroll "	21 50
Cheshire "	431 49
Coos "	9 00
Grafton "	360 11
Hillsborough County	664 43
Merrimack "	325 91
Rockingham "	418 30
Strafford "	72 75
Sullivan "	170 06
New Hampshire Cent Institution	1,061 67
Cash received on loan	682 70
From other sources	
Cash from last year's accounts	

MEMBERS FOR LIFE

BY THE PAYMENT OF THIRTY DOLLARS.

Abbott Nathaniel, Concord
 Abbott Rev. Sereno T., Hampton Falls
 Abbott Miss Sarah F., do
 Adams Rev. John, Londonderry
 Adams Rev. Darwin, Alstead
 Adams Catharine H., do
 Adams Dea. John, Townsend, Ms.
 Aiken Rev. Silas, Amherst
 *Aiken Samuel, Chester
 Ainsworth Rev. Laban, Jaffrey
 Allen Mrs. A. E., Merrimack
 Anderson William, Londonderry
 Arnold Rev. Joel R., Chester
 Arnold Rev. Seth S., Alstead
 *Arnold Mrs., do
 Arnold Miss M. A., Westminster, Vt.
 Arnold Rev. Samuel, Bristol
 Atwood Amos, Acworth
 Bacon Oliver, Jaffrey
 Badger William, Gilmanton
 Baker Miss Sarah, Lyme
 *Baker Davis, Campton
 Barker George W., Rochester
 Barstow Rev. Zedekiah S., Keene
 Barstow Mrs E. F., do
 Barstow William, do
 Barstow J. W., do
 Barton Porter G., Dublin
 Blake Abiel, Keene
 Bell Mrs. Persis, Chester
 Bingham Helen, Plainfield
 *Bartlett Mrs. Hannah, Stratham
 *Bartlett Abner H., Milford
 *Blake Rev. Robert, Piermont
 Boardman T., Newburyport
 Bodwell Rev. Abraham, Sandbornton
 Bouton Rev. Nathaniel, Concord
 Bouton Mrs Mary Ann P., do
 Bradford Rev. E. G., Colebrook
 Bradley John, Fryeburg, Me.
 Bartlett Miss Hannah, Campton
 *Bartlett Miss Eleanor, do
 Bartlett David, Jr., do
 Bartlett David, do
 Bartlett Miss Hannah, do
 Barrett Miss Mary N., New Ipswich
 Barrett Miss Dorothy E., do
 Bradford Rev. E. P., New Boston
 *Burgess Rev. Archibald, Hancock
 *Burgess Mrs Maria G., do
 Burnham Rev. Abraham, Pembroke
 Burnham Mrs Elizabeth H., do
 Burnham Mrs Eliza W., do
 Burnham Rev. Amos W., Rindge

Burnham Mrs Tirzah, Rindge
 Burnham Mrs Mary, Rahway, N. J.
 Burnham William, Dunbarton
 Burnham William A., Mont Vernon
 Brown Ebenezer, Rindge
 Barrett Mrs Mary, do
 Boutwell Ruth, Amherst
 Boutwell Rev. James, Brentwood
 Boylston Richard, Amherst
 Boylston Mrs Mary, do
 Boylston R. W., do
 Butler Abigail Maria, New York
 Bingham Francis M., Cleveland, Ohio
 Bailey Oliver, Dunbarton
 Boutelle David, Hancock
 Breck James, Newport
 Buxton Rev. Edward, Boscawen
 Cooke Rev. Phineas, Lebanon
 Cooke Miss Rebecca, do
 Cooke Mrs Sophia, do
 Cook Edmund, Jr., Campton
 *Cook Mrs Electa, do
 *Cook Moody, do
 Cook Thomas, do
 Cook Moody, Jr., do
 Clark John, Derry
 Clark Ebenezer, Keene
 Clark Rev. Rufus W., Portsmouth
 Carlton John, Mont Vernon
 Clement Rev. Jonathan, Chester
 Clement Mrs P. F., do
 Colby Miss Mitte, Warner
 Colby Levi, Henniker
 Cogswell Rev. Elliott C., Northwood
 Connor Abel, Henniker
 Connor Mary L., do
 *Church John H., D. D., Pelham
 *Church Mrs Hannah, do
 Church Mrs Sarah, do
 Church Miss Esther, do
 Chapin David B., Newport
 Chapin Mary T., do
 Childs Horace, Henniker
 Childs Mrs Matilda T., Henniker
 Clark Avery M., Hancock
 *Clary Rev. Joseph W., Dover
 Clayes Rev. Dana, Plainfield
 Cleveland Rev. J. P., Salem, Ms.
 Coe Ebenezer, Northwood
 Coleman Rev. Ebenezer, Lempster
 Conant Rev. Liba, Northfield
 Conant Mrs., do
 Conant Miss Clariassa, Hollis

Hobart Rev James, Barre, Vt.
 Holt Mrs Daniel, Sandwich
 Holbrook Mrs Hannah, Surry
 Holmes John, Londonderry
 Holmes Mrs Mary A., do
 Holt Rev Peter, Peterboro'
 Holt Mrs P., do
 Holt Rev Edwin, Portsmouth
 Holt Nathan, Hollis
 Holden Jesse, New Ipswich
 Holden Mrs Eliza, do
 Humphrey John P., Derry
 Humphrey John, do
 Hurd Rev Isaac, Exeter
 *Hutchinson Rev William, Gilsom
 Hutchins Abel, Jr., Concord
 *Homer Rev Jonathan, Newton, Ma.
 Jenney Eliza, Dover
 *Jewett Ralph W., Hollis
 Jewett Mrs R., do
 Keep Rev John, Pelham
 Kelly Rev John, Hamstead
 Kimball Reuben, Warner
 Kimball Jeremiah, do
 Kimball Chellis F., do
 Kimball Daniel, do
 Kimball Miss Sarah, Concord
 Kimball John W., Campton
 Kimball Miss Sarah, Cornish
 Kingsbury Rev Samuel, Andover
 Kingsbury Joseph, Francetown
 Kingsbury Mrs Silence, do
 Kingsbury Miss Lucy A., do
 *Kittredge Josiah, Pembroke
 Kittredge Mrs Sarah, do
 Kittredge Miss Mary C., Pembroke
 Knight Rev Jonathan, Canaan
 *Knight Rev Isaac, New Chester
 *Knight Mrs Phebe, do
 Lamson William, Keene
 Lancaster Rev Daniel, Gilmanton
 Lane Charles J., do
 Lane Rev Joseph, Meredith
 Langley Rev Jonathan
 Latham Mrs B., Lyme
 Leach Rev Giles, Sandwich
 Lewis Rufus G., New Hampton
 Lewis Mrs Sally G., do
 Lewis Rufus S., do
 *Lawrence Elizabeth G., Amherst
 Le Bosquet Rev John, Nottingham
 Leland Miss Dorcas K., Hanover
 Little Valentine, Salisbury
 Little Enoch, Boscawen
 Little James, do
 Little Mrs Caroline, Plymouth
 Little Caleb, Goffstown
 Little Miss Sarah, Illinois
 Locke Charles P., Sullivan
 Loomis Rev J. N., Plainfield
 Lyman Rev Giles, Marlborough
 M'Gregore Elizabeth, Derry
 M'Gregore George, do
 Mack Sophia, Bedford
 Mack Rufus K., do
 Mack Daniel, do
 Mack Daniel K., do
 Manning Rev Abel, Epsom
 Manning Mrs Mary, do
 Matheson Rev. Jas., D. D., Durham, Eng.
 Marsh Rev Christopher, Roxbury, Ma.
 Mack Andrew, Gilmanton
 Mack Maria L., do
 Metcalf Elizabeth, Keene
 Merrill Rev T. A., Middlebury, Vt.
 Merrill Enos, Deering
 Merrill John, Weare
 Melendy Luther, Amherst
 Melendy Samuel B., do
 Merrill Rev Joseph, Acworth
 McGee Rev Jonathan, Nashua
 *McFarland Rev A., D. D., Concord
 *McFarland Elizabeth, do
 McGaw Robert, Merrimack
 McGaw Sarah, do
 McNeil Peter, New Boston
 McPherson Sally, Acworth
 McQueston Mary E., Plymouth
 Miller Mrs James, do
 Miner Polly, Lempster
 Moore Rev Humphrey, Milford
 Moore Mrs., do
 Moore Timothy, Hancock
 Morse Lucinda, do
 Morse Loring, do
 Morrill Samuel, Concord
 Morrill David L., do
 Morrill Daniel, Plainfield
 Muzzey Rhoda, Peterborough
 Newman Rev Wm. J., Stratham
 Newman Mrs., do
 Newell Rev Gad, Nelson
 *Newell Sophia, do
 Newell Jeremiah, New Ipswich
 Norwood Rev Francis, Gilford
 Nott Rev Handel G., Dunstable
 Noyes Rev Daniel J., Concord
 Noyes Parker, Franklin
 Osgood Nathaniel, Henniker
 Ordway Samuel, Hancock
 Parker Edward P., Derry
 Parker John, Litchfield
 Parker Mrs Mary, Merrimack
 Parker Hon Abel, Jaffrey
 Parker Rev Edward L., Derry
 Parker Mrs Melitah, do

Tracy Mrs Jane M., do
Tyler Jeremiah H. C., Pelham
Tyler Jeremiah, do
Tyler Mrs Thankful, do
Trussell Jacob, Franklin
Trussell Mrs Persis, Canaan
Upham Mrs Eliza W., Concord
Uiley Rev Samuel, Epping
*Vose John, Atkinson
Walker Rev Charles, New Ipswich
Walker Henry L., do
Wallace Andrew, Amherst
Wallace Rev C. W., Manchester
Ward Rev Jonathan, Brentwood
Wellman Rev Jubilee, Warner
Wells Miss Sarah L., Hopkinton
Weare Mrs Hannah, Acworth
*Webster Rev Josiah, Hampton
Webster William G., Concord
Webster Nathaniel, Boscawen
Weeks Miss Nancy, Greenland
White Rev Broughton, Washington
White Rev Henry, London Village
White Miss Lucy S., Westmoreland
White Mrs Ruth, Goshen
Whittemore Charles P., Hancock
Whittemore Mrs Deborah, do
Whittemore Benjamin, do

Wheeler Miss Ama, Keene
Wheeler Rev Abraham, Candia
Whitney Pliny, Milford
Whitney Elnathan, Goffstown
Wilde Rev John, Conway
Wilde Mrs Julia M., do
Willey Rev B. G., do
Willey Rev Isaac, Rochester
Willey Mrs Isaac, Pembroke
Willey Jacob M., Milton
Williams Rev William, Exeter
Wilkins James, Henniker
Wingate Mrs Elizabeth, Stratham
Winslow Mrs Sarah W., Boston, Ms.
Winter Rev John S., Bristol
Whiton Rev John M., Antrim
Wright Mrs Dorcas, Dunstable
Wright Jathan T., Hollis
Wood Dea Stephen, do
*Wood Samuel, D. D., Boscawen
Wood Mrs Eunice, do
Wood Rev Henry, Haverhill
Woods Rev John, Newport
Woods John, Jr., do
Wood Amos, New Alstead
Wyman Sarah, Cornish
Young Rev John K., Meredith
Young Mrs Mary W., do
Young Harriet F., Dover

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FORTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

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ANNUAL REPORT.

The forty-third year in the history of this Society, now closing, has been signally marked by the afflictive events of Divine Providence. One of the Trustees, the Rev. CALVIN CUTLER, of Windham, and one of its missionaries, the Rev. SAMUEL PIERCE, of Atkinson, have been removed by death during the year. Mr. Pierce died at little before he had completed his second year of service. He will be remembered for his unassuming and amiable manners, fine talents and ardent piety. Mr. Cutler's interest in the cause of home missions was strong and steadfast. He discharged the duties of a Trustee with promptness and singular fidelity.

It seems proper, also, to record the deaths of Dea. DEARBORN and of Rev. WALTER HARRIS, D. D., of Dunbarton. Mr. Sanborn, on his death, requested his wife, to whom he had bequeathed the residuary legatee of one half of it. Soon after her husband's decease, she complied with his request. Mr. Nichols was formerly a missionary of this Society for ten years, viz., five at Wakefield, three at Franklin, and two at Barrington. Dr. Harris was one of the company of ministers who met at Hopkinton in June, 1801, to converse upon the subject of forming a Missionary Society for this state. He was made chairman of a committee to draft a constitution, to be laid before a convention, to be called at the same place in September following, for the purpose of forming said Society. When the convention met, he was chosen its scribe. He was elected one of its first board of Trustees, which office he held twenty-two years in succession. Only one of that board now survive, the Rev. ETHAN SMITH. In 1802, Dr. Harris preached the first missionary sermon. But he has been gathered unto his fathers, and his works do follow him.

The Trustees would now invite your attention to their *Forty-Third Annual Report*, which will contain a brief survey of each missionary station, alphabetically arranged, a summary of results, state of the treasury, &c., and some general reflections.

ANDOVER.

Rev. Nathan Howard, pastor: appropriation, \$50, from January 1, 1844.

This church enjoys the labors of its pastor but half of the time. As its members are considerably scattered over the town, and meet only every other Sabbath, it cannot be expected that the progress of

education." There has been one hopeful conversion. The Sabbath school is flourishing, numbering 130 pupils. One added to the church by profession, and one by letter. Present number 85. Average attendance on public worship, 175. Raised for home missions, \$45; and \$32-24 for foreign missions.

Rev. *Jonas DeF. Richards*, pastor: appro. \$50, from Sept. 20, 1843.

CHARLESTOWN.

"We have enjoyed," says the pastor, "no revival of religion the past year; yet we have received from the hand of the Lord much general prosperity; though our building has not been greatly enlarged, yet its foundations have been more deeply laid and consolidated, and its pillars made stronger. Our congregation was never so large as at the present time, and our cause is most evidently on the advance." The church now has 72 members. Hopeful conversions, two; added by letter, three; and by profession, one. Number in the Sabbath School and Bible Class, 120. The number that attend public worship is 150.

Contributed to home missions, \$25-00; and to other objects \$91-35; total \$116-35.

Rev. *Samuel Ordway*, stated supply: appro. \$100, from Oct. 10, 1843.

CHESTER WEST.

Nothing especially encouraging is reported from this church. The state of religion has been low during the year. The cause of temperance has rather declined than advanced. Two have been added to the church by profession. Present number, 79. Number of pupils in the Sabbath School, 100. The congregation on the Sabbath amounts to about 200. Raised for foreign missions \$35-39, and for home missions \$5-25; this, however, was contributed last year. Nothing has been done for home missions this year.

Rev. *Almon Benson*, pastor: appro. \$100, from Sept. 1, 1843.

CENTRE-HARBOR.

"The little church and society," says the pastor, "have moved on harmoniously; there is a growing interest in the doctrine of the gospel. Three have been added to the church by letter, which now numbers 51. The Sabbath school is attended with much interest, especially by the youth. A school has been gathered in a remote part of the town consisting of 78 pupils and teachers." The whole number under Sabbath school instruction is 153.

Collected for home missions, \$34-06, and for other objects \$28-47.

Rev. *Horace Wood*, pastor: appro. \$75-00, from May 15, 1844.

DALTON.

This church is reported as harmonious and in a state of improvement. One has been added by profession. The present number is

things remain as they were. There are two places of public worship in different sections of the town, which are occupied alternately. This interferes with the prosperity of the Sabbath school, which cannot be accommodated with a suitable place every other Sabbath. It suffers also for a want of suitable teachers. Its number is only 30. Nothing contributed by the church for home missions. One individual contributed \$5. Raised for foreign missions at the monthly concerts, \$4.

EPPING.

Rev. Calvin Chapman, pastor: appropriation, \$100, from Sept. 1, 1843.

There has been no material change in the state of this church and people during the year. The church has received one by letter, and lost one by dismission, and one by death. Present number, 41. Sabbath school and bible class pupils, about 50. Benevolent contributions, \$46-56.

FRANCONIA.

Rev. Edmund Burt, pastor: appropriation, \$75, from Sept. 1, 1843.

The pastor of this church is also the pastor of the church at Bethlehem, and divides his labors equally between them. Though the cause of truth is evidently gaining ground here, yet the prospect of long enjoying the stated means of grace is rather precarious. This is a place of considerable importance on account of the manufacturing interest here; and it is to be hoped that the little church may not be left to sink amidst surrounding error. One has been added to the church by letter and one dismissed. Present number 29. Attendance upon public worship, 100. Contributed to home missions, \$16-58, and to other objects, \$16-50.

GILSUM.

Rev. James Tisdale, stated supply: appropriation, \$100, from Jan. 1, 1844.

There has been no special change in the state of this church and people during the year. The church has been diminished by two dismissions and one death; one has been added by letter, leaving the present number 34, of whom 11 are males. The Sabbath school numbers 56 pupils. The congregation averages 100. Only \$8 has been contributed to home missions, and \$12 to foreign missions. The Mormons have a society in this town. It is said that 8 persons have been ordained elders of this sect, and still reside here.

GOSHEN.

Rev. Aaron Waitt, stated supply: appropriation \$50, from Dec. 1, 1843.

The state of religion among this people is reported as very low. Meetings on the Sabbath are well attended. The present number in the church is 82. Two have been added and one has died. The

with neighboring churches. But a little more than a year since, they resolved to make one more effort to restore the institutions of religion, which their fathers for several generations enjoyed. They returned to their old sanctuary, and employed the editor of the Congregational Journal to supply them for one year. At the same time they commenced measures to build a new house of worship. The house has been recently completed and dedicated, at an expense of \$2500, principally borne by eleven men. It has been furnished with a bell, a donation of the Rev. Benjamin Chase, of Natchez, Miss., a native of the town. There is a Sabbath school connected with the congregation, of about 75 pupils. The congregation on the Sabbath averages about 150. At the time their house was dedicated, the church was re-organized, consisting of 16 members, two of whom united by profession.

LOUDON VILLAGE.

Rev. Z. R. Hawley, stated supply: appro., \$100, from February 1, 1843.

Mr. Hawley left the town and the state when he had completed his engagement. Since that time, the two churches in town have united to sustain one minister, who is to divide his labors between them. No further missionary aid will, therefore, be needed. Number of the church last reported, 73; and in the Sabbath school, 60.

MARLBOROUGH.

Rev. Giles Lyman, stated supply: appro., \$125, from January 1, 1844.

"There has been no special religious interest during the year," says your missionary; "but we have not been without manifest tokens of the watchful care of the Great Head of the church over us. Causes of strife and alienation of feeling have been removed, and a readiness to contribute for the support of the institutions of the gospel, and to attend on public worship, has been manifest." Two cases of hopeful conversion have occurred. The number in the church is 97; about half of whom are non-residents. The congregation averages about 140. All who attend the Sabbath school amount to 150, principally children and youth. Raised for home missions, \$29.06, and for other objects, \$35.23.

MEREDITH VILLAGE.

Rev. Giles Leach, pastor: appro., \$75, from Nov. 28, 1843.

This church has been diminished by four deaths, two exclusions, and five dismissions; and increased by the addition of two by profession. It has suffered some in its pecuniary ability, by the death of one of its most liberal supporters; but the Lord has added to its ability by improving the business of the country and increasing the circulating medium. We hope the feeble churches will not forget their favors in this respect; and that where more is given them from

Nothing of special interest has occurred in this place during the year. The church is harmonious. Its present number is 33. Added 3 by profession. Sabbath school and Bible class pupils, 41. The congregation averages about 75. Contributed to home missions, \$10.81, and to other objects, \$23.48.

OSSIPEE CORNER.

Rev. John S. Winter and James Daldt, missionaries : appropriation, \$25.
Mr. Winter received a commission of seven weeks, to labor at this place and Tuftonborough. He performed a portion of it, when he retired, and the ground was occupied by Mr. Daldt. There is no church here, and but few who are disposed to sustain congregational preaching—though it is said that a congregational meeting is better attended than that of any other denomination.

PAPER MILL VILLAGE, (Alstead.)

Rev. Darwin Adams, stated supply : appropriation, \$125, from June 1, 1843.
The cause of truth appears to be gaining strength in this village, and the foundations of permanent religious order are now evidently laid. A decided change in regard to the observance of the Sabbath is apparent, and some advance has been made in the cause of temperance. There has been an increased liberality on the part of those out of the church in supporting the gospel. We trust the time is not far distant, when the abundant materials for building the Lord's house here will be brought in by his own mighty power. During the year 8 have been added to the church by letter. It now numbers 44. The congregation has increased, and averages 125. The Sabbath school has 90 pupils. Contributed to home missions, \$20, and to the tract society, \$4.

PLAINFIELD.

Rev. Jacob Scales, stated supply : appropriation, \$100, from Oct. 3, 1843.
This church, though quite small and feeble, and struggling with discouragements, is making gradual advances in strength and influence. "Peace and harmony prevail among all the people." Temperance principles and practice predominate in the parish. One has been added to the church by letter, and one by profession. Present number 37. Number in the Sabbath school, 60. Congregation on the Sabbath varies from 70 to 105, when two meetings are held in the village; but larger when only one. Raised for home missions, \$10, and for foreign missions, \$16.

ROXBURY.

Rev. Ezra Adams, pastor : appropriation, \$50, from Jan. 1, 1844.
The report from this church says : "the people are almost proverbial for their industry and outward regard to the means of grace.

3 males and 6 females, and most of them in circumstances to aid but little for the support of preaching. There are not materials here for building up a church of much size or ability; the whole number of inhabitants being only 251, and divided in their religious opinions.

SHELburne.

Rev. *Henry Richardson*, stated supply: appro. \$40, from May, 1843.

This church contains only 8 members, and is the smallest aided by the Society. Your missionary reports nothing of special interest. He labors here one half of his time and the other half in Gilead, Me. About 40 are in the Sabbath School. The cause of temperance has made considerable progress in this place within a few years past.

SURRY.

Rev. *Elihu Smith*, stated supply: appro. \$125, from July 1, 1843. The prospects of this church are rather dark. The present number of members is 30. Two have been suspended and two dismissed. The Sabbath School numbers 45. Raised for foreign missions, \$10, but nothing for home missions save 25 cents. Congregation averages about 75.

THORNTON.

Rev. *Wm. P. Gale*, stated supply: appro. \$100, from Dec. 1, 1843. Another effort has been made to strengthen the things that remain in this place. Your missionary commenced his labors here in December. Since that time the church and people have somewhat rallied to the things of religion, but what will be the result time must show. There are 42 members in the church. The congregation averages 100. About 70 attend the Sabbath School. The cause of temperance has made great advances within six months. Nothing has been raised for home missions, and only \$5 for other objects.

TROY.

Rev. *Jeremiah Pomroy*, pastor: appro. \$75, from Jan. 1, 1843. The pastor of this church was dismissed last winter. It has been supplied a part of the time since; but no immediate prospect of the settlement of the ministry. The church is in an unhappy state of feeling, and its prospects are rather discouraging. Its number as reported last year is 83. Number of pupils in the Sabbath school was 120.

TUFTONBOROUGH.

Rev. *John S. Winter*, missionary: appro. 25, from June 1, 1843. This little church has been supplied a third part of the time by your missionary, who reports: "The little church appears united and is struggling for life. More have been accustomed to attend meeting that formerly. Three have been united with the church by profession, one of whom had been a universalist preacher for a number of years. The temperance cause is almost triumphant." The number of the church is 34.

WOLFBOROUGH NORTH.

Rev. James Daldt, pastor : appro. \$75, from April 1, 1843.

This church was visited with a severe calamity last winter, in the partial burning of their house of worship. By the assistance of others, and their own efforts, they have been enabled to repair it, and again they enjoy it as before. Nothing else has occurred of interest during the year. Added to the church, 3 by letter. Present number, 69. About 50 in the Sabbath school and Bible class, and about 150 attend public worship on the Sabbath. Contributions to benevolent objects about \$8, the most of which is for home missions.

SUMMARY.

The whole number of churches and congregations that have been aided more or less during the year is 45. This is 5 less than were aided last year. Nine churches, that were on our list at the last anniversary, are not included in our present report. Five of them are now independent of foreign aid; two have been destitute; one has not asked for aid, because its pastor has been absent a portion of his time as a missionary, and one has been supplied by a teacher in an academy. Appropriations have been made to three churches that received no aid the previous year, viz: Merrimack, E. U., Thornton and Litchfield. Of the churches now under patronage, 30 have pastors, 13 have stated supplies, and one has had preaching but a small part of the time.

The number of laborers in the employ of the Society during the year is 43. One pastor has died, one pastor has been dismissed, one stated supply has removed to another field, and three have been settled as pastors.

The state of religion has been almost universally low during the year. Only one church has enjoyed a revival, viz. the church in Deering, and this was not very extensive. The whole number of hopeful conversions reported is only 22. Nearly all the reports speak of harmony in the churches, and an increased attention upon the means of grace. The whole number of additions to the churches is 65 by profession and 43 by letter—in all 108. The number of removals reported, by dismission, by excommunication and by death, is 44. Net increase 64. The 45 churches that have been under patronage during the year contain 2313 members. The Sabbath schools connected with these churches contain 3403.

The cause of temperance has made pleasing progress during the year in most of the towns where our feeble churches are located, and the state of morals generally is improving.

As it respects the contributions to benevolent objects, less has been done the past than the previous year. We are surprised at this, as there has not, on the whole, been any diminution of ability, and as

less than one in six of their number should be engaged in this work of Christian charity? It would demand but a small portion of their attention—it would abstract nothing from their ability to extend their aid to other kindred objects of benevolence, were they in this way to come up in every congregation to the help of the needy.

AGENCY.

The various interests of the cause have engaged the attention of the Agent and Secretary the past year, as they have done in former years. In no year of his agency has your agent labored so abundantly, had so much satisfaction in the result of his labors, and in the apparent cordiality and coöperation of his brethren in the ministry, than in the one now closing. In the prosecution of his duties he has travelled 3600 miles. During the seven years he has been in the service of the Society he has travelled about 24000 miles, which would make a journey nearly equal to the circuit of the globe. It is now nearly 13 years since the society has had an agent in its employ. How much has been gained to the cause of home missions through the agency, it is impossible, from the nature of the case, to make a full and accurate estimate. That it has been an entire *inutility*, no one acquainted with the general bearings of its influence upon the various interest of the enterprize, will believe. That a just and rational view of this matter may be obtained, let us go back in the history of this Society, and compare its state and progress in two periods of twelve and a half years each, viz. the one embracing the time of the agency, the other embracing an equal time previous to its establishment. Such a comparison should be made with respect to those particulars which constitute the real operations of the society and their results; such as the income both of this society and of the parent institution from this state; the amount of missionary labor performed, and its average cost; the expense of the agency, together with the increase of funds; the list of Life Members; the receipts of the Cent Institution; the general condition of the field and the number of feeble churches that have become independent of the Society.

1. The receipts.

From 1821 to 1832—including one half of the receipts of 1832—the whole amount of receipts, not including legacies and borrowed money, was \$24,656-71. This is an average of \$2,055-55 a year. But it should be observed that the trustees, even during this period, frequently employed agents for a few weeks, or months, at a time, for the purpose of raising funds. For two or three years in succession they appointed six agents, one for every county, some of whom were compensated and some were not. The Rev. Luke A. Spofford performed considerable service for the Society as an agent at different times. In January, 1832, the Rev. Andrew Rankin was employed as a permanent agent of this Society. He was also

for the general cause, not as a **conclusive argument**, but as showing the probable influence of the agency. In the state referred to, the parent Society has had no agent during the period in question. The churches there contain about as many communicants, and, for aught we know, are about as able, as the churches of this state; and though much has been said of the Home Missionary spirit in that state, and probably said with truth, as their own field has been one of great necessity and importance, yet the whole amount of funds the churches have raised there the past eighteen years for the Am. H. M. S. has been only \$281-52, which is \$3-491-56 less than has been raised in this state from donations for the past twelve years and a half. While this auxiliary has appropriated from its surplus funds to the parent Society \$2-160, that has appropriated only \$100; and while \$2-600 have been paid over from this state in legacies, only \$300 from the same source have been forwarded from that. The whole sum raised in both states for the west compared, shows a balance in our favor of \$7-510-79, and that, too, while the ordinary sources for information and influence have been as abundant there as they have been here.*

3. *The number of years of missionary labor performed, and its cost.*

In order to arrive at the truth on this point, we should first find the number of years of missionary labor paid for during each period, and then divide the whole expense of conducting the operations of the society by that number. This will give the actual cost of such labor per year. The rate of missionary compensation has been and still is \$7 a week. Before 1832, when appropriations were made to feeble churches it was generally on the scale of \$7 a week; that is, if \$84 were given to a feeble church to enable it to support the gospel a year, it was usually termed granting it twelve weeks of missionary assistance, and in the same proportion weeks of labor were reckoned, whether the amount appropriated was more or less. But since 1832 it has not been usual to designate the amount of aid rendered to feeble churches so much by the number of weeks, as it has been by the sum granted them, though the compensation of missionary labor has been the same. We may, then, consider the whole sum appropriated for the support of the gospel upon missionary ground, as paying for that support, at the rate of \$7 a week, or \$364 a year. According to these data, we find that from 1821 to 1832 inclusive, the Society paid for 72 years and 5 weeks of missionary labor, which is a trifle over 6 years annually on an average. But the aggregate number of years paid for since 1832 is 150 and 41 weeks, which is a fraction over 12½ years annually, on an average. The time of the agents and the amount expended in their support, are not included in this estimate.

*The state auxiliary above referred to has had the credit of conducting its operations without the expense of an agency, though its secretary performs the duties of an agent without the name. But we learn from the religious paper under its auspices, that it costs \$600 a year to sustain its secretary; a greater part of this Society receives for

1813, 1814, 1815 and 1816, averaged a little more than \$1-300 a year; but it should be remembered that there were but few other objects in those days to divide the charities of the ladies. Had no other influences been exerted since 1837, than were exerted for many years previous to that time, there is no reason to believe that there would have been any improvement in the income derived from this source.

The receipts of the Cent Institution for 1837 were \$538-65. But the report of 1843 shows an increase of receipts, over those of 1837, of \$751-68. The average receipts of the Cent Institution have been, from 1837 to 1843, \$1146-26 a year. Had the average been no more than the amount received in 1837, it would have required \$607-61 to make it what it actually has been. This improvement in the income derived from these little streams, of one cent a week, has cost somebody much labor and watchfulness; and the same will be demanded still of somebody, or that natural tendency to decline, which is the infirmity of all benevolent associations, will dry up those streams of female beneficence and love.

7. *Feeble churches and destitute places.*

Before the year 1828 the Society expended the principal part of its funds in sending out missionaries to labor a few weeks or months each among the feeble churches and destitute places of the state. In more than 30 towns that were traversed by these missionaries, and where much of the income of the Society was expended before the present policy of aiding feeble churches came fully into use, there is now, so far as our denomination is concerned, almost entire desolation. In 8 or 10 of these towns, churches have become extinct. Very few of them now contain churches at all; and in none is there a church, at the present day, able to pay more than \$100 a year for the support of the gospel. Of the churches that enjoyed the patronage of the Society previous to 1832, only 2 or 3 became independent, and now sustain their own institutions. The number of feeble churches has been reduced since that time from 80 to 52. Thirty churches that depended upon the Society for more or less aid thirteen years ago, now enjoy the stated means of grace at their own expense. Sixteen of this number have ceased to be beneficiaries within the past 7 years. Were all these churches still dependent upon the Society, and were they all now receiving the maximum amount of their former appropriations, it would require more than \$2000 to meet their annual demands.

In the statement of these facts we intend not to give the impression that the system of itinerate missionary labor, formerly pursued by the Society, accomplished but little good. In looking up many wandering sheep of the fold; in the conversion of souls, and in the preparing of the way for the gathering of churches and the permanent settlement of the ministry, it accomplished much good. Many devoted men, both among the living and the dead, labored for the Society in those days with much zeal and self-denial; and, in not a few

In conclusion, it is not intended to show by this article that the agent is entitled to all the glory of the advance of the cause. Without the cooperation of ministers and churches, comparatively little could have been accomplished. Where they have cheerfully coöperated with him and he with them, their united influence has added much both to its moral and pecuniary interests.

Like the missionaries of the Society, the agent has been engaged in preaching the gospel in New-Hampshire. Besides presenting the claims of the home missionary cause, and of preaching occasionally to the destitute, it has been his happiness to render his brethren the frequent aid of one or two sermons a Sabbath, and to accommodate them, when he could do it consistently, with supplies during their absence from their people. Whether these labors have been of any value to the cause of truth, he leaves it for others to judge. He makes no pretensions, he supplicates no honor, he begs of his fellows no meed of sympathy. What comes truly, he cherishes as a precious and reviving cordial. Let God judge the heart, while men judge of things visible and proclaimed.

God has been his witness that he has known something of care and anxiety; but he has known no more than has been meet. God has been his witness that he has loved the cause of home missions, but he has loved it none too ardently; and God has been his witness that fourteen years of feeble toil to promote the moral and spiritual interests of the Granite State, have in no wise abated his desire to toil on still, though in human infirmities, frailties and passions, he has his full share.

He takes this opportunity to express to his numerous friends in the state his sincere acknowledgments for their forbearance of his imperfections, and for all their kindness shown him, which has been no small alleviation to his cares and afflictions during this dark and trying season. He retires from the agency with regret, not that he has not endeavored to discharge its duties impartially and to the best of his poor abilities, but that he has not been able to accomplish more for a cause so dear to the Saviour of men and to the hearts of his people.

NOTE.

The leading object of the above article is to show that the funds expended in the support of an agent have been judiciously expended, and not, as some have supposed, a waste. The facts that have been presented speak for themselves; though they do not prove that all the influences that have been brought to bear in favor of the cause, have had their origin in the agency, yet they do prove that it has been worth, at least, what it has cost to sustain it.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society held its eighteenth anniversary in N. Y., May 8, 1844. From its annual report it appears that 907 ministers of the gospel have been in its service during the year, whose fields of labor are in 26 states and territories of the Union, in Canada and Texas. They have labored in 1245 congregations and missionary districts, and have performed an aggregate of 665 years of ministerial labor. The Society has had 59 more missionaries in commission during the year than at any former period, and the number of congregations and districts supplied, is 198 greater than during any preceding year. In the western states, 75 more missionaries have been employed than the preceding year. More than 60-000 pupils are connected with the Sabbath school on missionary ground, and on the same ground the cause of temperance numbers more than 151-000, pledged to total abstinence. The number of revivals reported is 84, and of hopeful conversions 2-759. There have been added to the churches 4-812 by profession, and 2-881 by letter, in all 7-693. The Society has received during the year \$101-904-99, which is an actual increase over the receipts of the preceding of \$9-147-77. Such is the view of the operations of this great Home Missionary enterprise. The cause is onward, and onward it must be till our country shall be redeemed.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

To send a preached gospel to the destitute multitudes of our whole population, should be the first object of solicitude and effort with every man who wishes to exert his best influence in behalf of his country. How many, though they admit that no other foundation for the perpetuity and healthful operation of our institutions can be laid, than that which has for its chief corner stone the virtue and sanctified intelligence of the mass of the people, seem in practice to sympathize with those views of national existence and prosperity, that are at least illogical and chimerical. How few who boast of their skill in political economy can regard with complacency the method that God has ordained to promote the happiness and true glory of men, both in their individual and national capacity. A wise government may be the theory of the statesman; the general diffusion of knowledge and education may be the theory of the philosopher, while the mere moralist may descant upon the omnipotence of common integrity and probity of public character, as means of our country's greatness; but if these reasoners despise the Christian theory, that the gospel *only* possesses the regulating and the saving power, and they are left to be the chief instruments in deciding our destinies, God will teach them in the end that all their inventions are impotent and foolish.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT WITH T. K. GAGE, Treasurer,

	DR.
<i>Andover</i> —Mrs. M. R. Hayward,	\$1 00
<i>Antrim</i> —Gentlemen's Association,	11 81
“ “ for Am. Home Missionary Society,	2 00
Ladies' “ for “ “ “ “ “	3 10
“ “ for “ “ “ “ “	9 94
<i>Atkinson</i> —Dea. Franklin Gilbert,	50
<i>Amherst</i> —Church and Society, last year,	34 00
“ to constitute Rev. J. G. Davis life member,	39 18
Richard Boylston, Esq., two years for son Edward D., life member,	10 00
<i>Alstead New</i> —Church and Society,	12 00
<i>Paper Mill Village</i> —Church and Society,	20 00
<i>Acworth</i> —Church and Society,	34 53
Mrs. Mary D. Grout, to constitute herself life member A. H. M. S.	30 00
<i>Boscawen East</i> —\$26 02 received from this church in 1843, was over- looked in the report.	
Abiel Gerrish, to constitute son James Little life member,	30 00
“ “ daughter Jane P. “ “	30 00
Sabbath sch. \$10, for Rev. C. B. Tracy life member of A. H. M. S. ;	35 00
Church and society \$25, for Rev. C. B. Tracy, life member,	2 00
Dr. Thomas Peach, annual subscription,	12 00
<i>Boscawen West</i> —Church and Society,	7 00
<i>Fishersville</i> —Ladies' Association,	24 95
<i>Brookline</i> —Church and Society to con. Mrs. Julia A. Goodwin life mem.	12 50
<i>Bath</i> —Church and Society, for Am. Home Missionary Society,	10 90
<i>Bennington</i> —Church and Society,	3 00
A lady,	
Miss Sylvia Whittemore, deceased, to con. Timothy C. and	60 00
Frances M. Whittemore life members,	11 59
<i>Bethlehem</i> —Church and Society,	16 50
<i>Brentwood</i> —Church and Society,	14 42
<i>Bradford</i> —Rev. Stephen Rogers, life member,	34 24
<i>Concord 1st Church and Society</i> , last year's collection,	30 00
To constitute Mrs. Elizabeth A. C. Bouton life member,	5 00
To con. Dea. Samuel Morrill life member A. H. M. S.	6 00
Rev. N. Bouton, for daughter Elizabeth R., complete,	5 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley, life member,	5 00
Dea. Benjamin Farnum, “	1 00
Henry A. Newhall, “	1 50
Calvin Thorn, for Am. Home Missionary Society,	2 00
Individual, for “ “ “ “	
Nathan Ballard, annual subscription,	

Hopkinton—Contribution for two years,		
Rev. Mr. Kimball, last year,		\$2-905 48
Mrs. Mary Farrington, last year,		23 41
Rev. Mr. Kimball, to constitute wife life member,		5 00
Mrs. Mary Farrington,		3 00
Mrs. Stephen Kelly,		5 00
Hampstead—Church and Society,		4 03
Hill—Monthly Concert,		1 00
Haver—East—Rev. John M. Ellis, life member,		14 25
Haver—Dartmouth College,		12 25
Hancock—Church and Society,		30 00
Mrs. Polly Wheeler,		54 27
James Davis, American Home Missionary Society,		16 22
Joseph Hill, annual subscription,		30 00
Mrs. Joseph Hill,		3 00
Hillsborough Centre—Church and Society,		2 00
Hillsborough Bridge—Church and Society,		1 00
Hanniker—Church and Society,		5 00
Abel Connor, in part to con. one hereafter to be named, life mem.		4 75
Page Eaton, for son Robert B., life member,		26 52
Rev. Eden B. Foster, life member,		10 00
Hollis—Legacy of the late Ralph W. Jewett,		5 00
Church and Society, for Am. Home Mis. Society,		5 00
Estate of widow Thomas Farley,		150 00
Ch. & Soc. to con. Rev. James Aiken and Dea. Jesse Moody life mems.		15 00
Haverhill—Church and Society,		5 00
Harrisville—Church and Society,		60 00
Hampton—Church and Society,		12 75
for Am. Home Mis. Society,		20 75
Jaffrey—Mrs. Edith Parker, in part to con. Edmund Mason life member.		11 11
Keene—Monthly Concert,		22 15
Gentlemen's Association,		5 00
Ladies' Heshborn Society, for Am. Home Missionary Society,		34 94
Gentlemen's Asso., to con. E. Briggs life mem. A. H. M. S.		42 75
Juvenile Society, for		66 00
Kingston—Church and Society,		40 00
Lempster—First Church and Society,		8 00
London Village—Church and Society,		4 74
Lebanon—Church and Society, two years,		6 82
Lyno—Church and Society,		5 30
Legacy of late Rev. Mr. Lambert, to con. Mrs. A. Lambert life mem.		29 02
Children of Maternal Association,		7 75
Littleton—Church and Society,		48 81
Abijah Allen, annual subscription,		56 00
Londonberry—Presbyterian Church and Society,		1 94
Bradbury P. Cilley, for Am. Home Mis. Society,		6 15
Lyndeborough—Church and Society,		4 00
Milford—Ch. & Soc., (\$30 of which to con. Dea. R. Knight life mem.)		18 67
Mrs. Sarah Fisher, to con. Mrs. Joshua Hutchinson life member,		2 00
Meriden—Dea. Cyrus Richards, two years, life member,		18 00
Dea. Samuel Merrill, last year,		51 00
" " for wife,		50 00
" " " "		10 00
Mrs. Ruth Duncan, two years,		5 00
Samuel B. Duncan,		5 00
Dea. Wm. Shattuck,		10 00
" "		8 00
" "		4 00
Amount carried forward,		

Amount brought forward,	
Rindge—Church, on communion occasion,	\$4-599 50
Avails of gold ring,	21 47
Ladies' Home Missionary Society,	75
Young Men's Benevolent Society,	24 81
J. B. Breed, Esq.	26 00
Rochbury—Charity Box,	10 00
Salem—Monthly Concert,	3 83
Sandbornton—Church and Society,	10 27
Monthly Concert,	10 80
Dea. Moses Emery, annual subscription,	2 52
Sandbornton Bridge—Church and Society, for Am. Home Mis. Society,	2 00
Rev. Mr. Curtice life member of Am. Home Mis. Society,	2 00
Salisbury—Church and Society,	7 00
Surry—Individual,	5 00
Sullivan—Church and Society,	7 62
Suezey—	25
Mrs. E. M. Rockwood, life member A. H. M. S.	14 00
Sandwich—Church and Society,	7 68
Seabrook & Hampton Falls—Church and Society, to con. Reuben Batchelder life member,	10 00
Seabrook—Asa G. Abbott,	10 16
Temple—Church and Society,	19 00
Troy—Monthly Concert,	5 00
Windham—Presbyterian Church and Society,	28 75
Wakefield—Church and Society,	5 38
Warner—	28 41
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thurston, life member,	29 00
Washington—Dea. Daniel McQueston,	14 00
Walpole—Mrs. Susan Robinson, life member,	30 00
Church and Society,	30 00
Avails of gold necklace, by Mrs. Octavia Sparhawk,	10 00
Westmoreland—Church and Society, for Rev. G. W. Ash, life member,	12 50
Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, to complete Rev. G. W. Ash, life mem.	5 00
Church and Society, for Am. Home Mis. Society,	27 30
Wentworth—Church and Society,	6 00
Sullivan County Conference of Churches,	20 00
Coos—	16 00
Grafton—	7 31
Merrimack—	8 00
Rev. S. S. Arnold, Westminster, Vt. for daughter Olivia, life member,	14 11
Rev. S. S. Arnold,	18 96
Dividend on two shares in Strafford Bank, life member A. H. M. S.	5 00
Rev. Thomas Edwards, Concord, N. H.,	5 00
Interest received on Permanent Fund,	14 00
Rev. Ora Pearson, of Barton, Vt., payment on obligation,	54 00
Received from Permanent Fund,	5 00
of Rev. Phineas Cook, on note,	96 40
Discount on Currier & Hall's order, being Permanent Fund,	30 00
A friend, in part for life member,	6 37
New-Hampshire Cent Institution,	7 00
General Association at Concord,	200 00
Cash received from an unknown source,	58
Cash brought from last year's account,	5 00
	1474 23
	49 73
	1 21
	7 14

\$7070 35

RECAPITULATION.

Donations.	Cent Money.	Total.	A. H. M. S.	Total.
Rockingham county, \$415-07	322-70	737-07		536-22
Stratford " 25-82	30-00	55-32	122-15	55-32
Belknap " 59-28	38-66	97-84		104-84
Carroll " 67-77	30-44	107-21	7-00	107-21
Merrimack " 492-18	329-65	806-32		975-03
Hillsborough " 578-97	314-14	908-62	168-71	946-72
Cheshire " 341-02	72-29	413-31	33-10	576-42
Sullivan " 261-88	51-88	313-76	160-11	343-76
Grafton " 308-65	157-47	556-12	30-00	586-37
Cook " 9-65	2-00	11-65	30-25	11-65
Received from dividends \$2-649-79	\$1-358-13	\$4-007-92		\$4-643-44
and other sources, 784-20		\$556-32		
Grand total, including legacies,				\$7-070-35

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 Kingsbury Mrs. Betsey, do.
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 *Kittredge Miss Sarah, do.
 Kittredge Miss Mary C., Pembroke.
 Kittredge Jonathan, Canaan.
 *Knight Rev. Isaac, New-Chester.
 *Knight Mrs. Phebe, do.
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 Lancaster Rev. Daniel, Gilmanton.
 Lane Charles J., do.

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 Savage Rev. Thomas, Bedford.
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 Smith Mrs. Mary Jane, do.
 Smith Rev. John, Exeter.
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 Smith Mrs. Ann, Hollis.
 Smith Rev. Eli, do.
 Smith Mrs. Amy, do.
 Smith Mrs. Ruth, do.
 Smith Obadiah, New-Hampton.
 Smith Mrs. Eliza, do.
 Smith Rev. Bezaleel, Rye.
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 Tyler Mrs. Thankful, do.
 Trussell Jacob, Franklin.
 Trussell Mrs. Persis, Canaan.
 Upham Mrs. Eliza W., Concord.

Utley Rev. Samuel, Epping.
 *Vose John, Atkinson.
 Walker Rev. Charles, New-Ipswich.
 Walker Henry L., do.
 Wallace Andrew, Amherst.
 Wallace Rev. C. W., Manchester.
 Ward Rev. Jonathan, Brentwood.
 Wellman Rev. Jubilee, Warner.
 Wells Miss Sarah L., Hopkinton.
 Weare Mrs. Hannah, Acworth.
 *Webster Rev. Josiah, Hampton.
 *Webster William G., Concord.
 Webster Nathaniel, Boscawen.
 Weeks Miss Nancy, Greenland.
 White Rev. Broughton, Washington.
 White Rev. Henry, Loudon Village.
 White Mrs. Lucy S., Westmoreland.
 Whittemore Charles P., Hancock.
 Whittemore Mrs. Deborah, do.
 Whittemore Benjamin, do.
 Wheeler Miss Anna, Keene.
 Wheeler Rev. Abraham, Candia.
 Whitney Eliza, Milford.
 Wilde Rev. Elanathan, Goffstown.
 Wilde Mrs. John, Conway.
 Willey Rev. B. G., do.
 Willey Rev. Isaac, do.
 Willey Rev. Isaac, Rochester.
 Willey Jacob M., Milton.
 Williams Rev. William, Exeter.
 Wilkins James, Henniker.
 Wingate Mrs. Elizabeth, Stratham.
 Winslow Mrs. Sarah W., Boston, Ma.
 Winter Rev. John S., Bristol.
 Whiton Rev. John M., Antrim.
 Wright Mrs. Dorcas, Dunstable.
 Wright Jathan T., Hollis.
 Wood Dea. Stephen, do.
 *Wood Samuel, D. D., Boscawen.
 Wood Mrs. Eunice, do.
 Wood Rev. Henry, Haverhill.
 Woods Rev. John, Newport.
 Woods John, Jr., do.
 Wood Amos, Alstead.
 Wyman Sarah, Cornish.
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ANNUAL REPORT.

Brethren of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society :

Your Trustees, in presenting, this morning, their *forty-fourth* annual report, would return thanks to God that all the officers and missionaries of the Society, with one exception, have been spared to close another year of their labors. Though they are not permitted to speak of any special work of his Spirit, they yet cannot but believe that much good seed has been sown upon the field, which will ere long spring up and bear an abundant harvest.

The details of their operations will appear in the following brief account of the several churches and congregations that have been aided during the year. But as the time compels us to omit these details in the reading, your attention is invited to the summary of results, to the state of the treasury, and to some general considerations suggested by the present aspects of the cause.

ANDOVER.

Rev. NATHAN HOWARD, pastor. Appropriation, \$50, from Jan. 1, 1845.

The church contains 8 males and 16 females—total, 24. No additions nor removals. The Sabbath school numbers 60 pupils. A small cent society, consisting of three members, has been formed. With this exception, nothing is reported as done by the people for benevolent objects. "There has been," says the missionary, "an improvement of sacred music, both in Andover and Wilmot, and considerable additions have been made to the Sabbath school libraries. The general influence in favor of good order, I think, is increasing in both towns." Mr. Howard is settled over the two churches of Andover and Wilmot, and divides his labors between them.

AUBURN—formerly West Chester.

Rev. JAMES ORDWAY, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Oct. 1, 1844.

The number of the church is 85—added by letter, 6. Sabbath school scholars, 90; volumes in the library, 580. Raised for foreign missions, \$15.69, and \$10.54 for home missions.

"The attendance on the preached word," says the pastor, "has rather increased than diminished. This, and the growing

The church has neither increased nor diminished during the year. Its number is 29 males and 50 females—total, 79. The Sabbath school has 140 pupils. Contributions to benevolent objects have been \$24 to foreign missions, \$4 to the Bible Society, and \$32 to home missions—in all, \$60. The general state of morals and religion is encouraging.

CHARLESTOWN.

Rev. JONAS DeF. RICHARDS, pastor. Appropriation, \$50, from Sept. 20, 1844.

This church now embraces 23 males and 50 females—total, 73. Two have been added, and one removed. Two infants baptized. The Sabbath school and Bible class have 125 pupils. The benevolent contributions have been—for the Tract Society, \$20; for the Bible Society, \$4; for foreign missions, \$35; and for home missions, \$25—in all, \$84.

The pastor reports that the "state of religion has been low; that some two or three cases of more than usual religious interest, and perhaps one or two conversions, have occurred during the year. The state of morals, temperance, &c., about the same as usual." We had much reason to hope that the gospel would have been sustained here without missionary aid before this; and had there been no important removals of the members of the church, our hopes would have been realized a year ago. And even now, if every resident member of the church would do his proportion, as all, but one or two exceptions, have cheerfully done, there would be no necessity of foreign aid. Though the missionary has many discouragements here to meet, he yet occupies one of the most important stations on our field. This is evident from the fact, that his congregation is now the largest of the three in the place; and that it is the only one in the town, of more than 1700 souls, where the doctrines of the Reformation are faithfully maintained.

CENTER-HARBOR.

Rev. ALMON BENSON, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Sept. 1, 1844.

Church members, 52; of whom 8 are non-residents. One has been added by profession. Sabbath school pupils, 70. The congregation averages about 100. Contributions for foreign missions, 20 dollars.

"The year," says the pastor, "has been one of great apathy and coldness. This church and society have been built up amidst opposition. We have had to contend every inch of ground. Sectarian influence has been as a brazen wall; but, by the grace of God during the past year, it has seemed less formidable. Prejudice has, in a measure, subsided; and some that have been our enemies, appear now friendly. The tide of Congregational influence in the place is evidently rising, though not by any remarkable events."

total, 48—of whom 7 are non-residents. One has been added by profession, and one by letter. Number of pupils in the Sabbath school, 60. Contributions to benevolent objects: To foreign missions, \$28.75; to the Bible cause, \$10; to the Tract cause, \$2.65; to the Education Society, \$3.25; to Home Missions, \$13, and to several other objects, \$14; in all, \$71.65. There has been no material change in the condition of things in this church and society during the year. The spirit of discord has begun a fearful work in this little band; and, unless it is driven out by the spirit of Christ, it will work their ruin.

EPPING.

Rev. CALVIN CHAPMAN, pastor. Appropriation, \$125, from Sept. 7, 1844. No report has been received from this church. The number of members last year was 41, and 50 in the Sabbath school. Contributed for Home Missions, \$3.74. On account of some peculiar discouragement, Mr. Chapman was constrained to ask a dismission in April. He was accordingly dismissed, though not without considerable reluctance on the part of the dismissing council. The church is at present supplied by the Rev. ENOCH CORSER. This place is not wanting in a fine meeting-house, nor in people enough to fill it. But it is wanting in decision and liberality of Christian character; and especially, in the subduing and reforming power of the Holy Spirit. Until these wants are supplied, the footsteps of the enemies of the Cross will be more visible than those of its friends.

ENFIELD.

Rev. BENJAMIN BURGE, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from October 9, 1844. Number of church members, 30; males, 12; females, 18. One has been added by letter. Sabbath school pupils, 50. Contributed to Foreign Missions, \$5. The ways of Zion mourn in this place, because she is afflicted by her own friends. The members of this church are nearly all of them connected by blood or family relation. It is on this account that it has been so difficult to heal the troubles that have existed in it. What the destiny of the cause of truth in Enfield is, the Providence of God must reveal. At present the prospects are exceedingly dark.

FARMINGTON.

Rev. JOSEPH LANE, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from November 1, 1844. This church consists of 14 males and 18 females; total, 32—of whom 9 are non-residents. Number of pupils in the Sabbath school, 50. Contributed for Foreign Missions, \$20. Previous to the commencement of Mr. Lane's labors on this field, it had been destitute for several years. A new house of worship has been erected, and nearly all the pews disposed of. The monthly concert for Foreign

Rev. JOHN LEBOSQUET, pastor.
April 1, 1845.

HILL.

This church consists of 16 males and 48 females—total, 64. Appropriation, \$100, from

During the year, three have been added by profession, and eight have been dismissed to other churches. Sabbath school pupils, 75.

Contributed for home missions, \$8-75. "Things at present are not very encouraging," says the report. "One circumstance worthy of notice is, that the town, at its last annual meeting, unanimously voted not to license the sale of intoxicating drinks."

Rev. WILLIAM PAGE, pastor.
17, 1845.

HUDSON.

The number of the church is 80. Five have been added to the church by letter. Two have been dismissed, and one has died. Appropriation, \$75, from April

Sabbath school pupils, 100. Contributed for home missions, \$25, and to other objects, \$10.

No ardent spirits are sold in the town. This church now receives \$50 less than it did at first; and we have reason to hope that the day of its independence is not far off.

Rev. JOHN WOOD, pastor.
1845.

LANGDON.

This church contains 11 males and 16 females—total, 27. One has been added by letter, and one has been excommunicated. Sabbath school pupils, 100. Appropriation, \$125, from April 5,

other objects, \$13-58. Raised for home missions, \$10-12, and for "The state of religion," says the pastor, "is deplorably low.

Under God, I feel that it cannot, it *must* not, continue in this way long." The Sabbath School Concert has been established for the first time during the year, and has been attended with much interest.

Rev. JESSE PAGE, stated supply.
Aug. 28, 1844.

LITCHFIELD.

No statistical report has been received from this church. The number of members was only 16. Appropriation, \$150, from

Mr. Page, we understand, supplied them on the Sabbath—his family residing in Atkinson. What the people raised themselves, we have not been informed; nor is it known what their ability is to support the gospel. It is a Presbyterian church, and has been taken under the special care of the Londonderry Presbytery. The presbytery, about fourteen years ago, voted to give up their own organization for aiding the feeble churches within their bounds, and to

non-residents. Sabbath school pupils, 75. Contributions: \$25 to home missions, and \$30 to foreign missions. No intoxicating drinks are sold in town, except as a medicine. This place, in common with all others, is greatly in need of the special influences of the Holy Spirit.

MERRIMACK SOUTH.

Rev. JOHN W. SHEPARD, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Dec. 1, 1844.

Number in the church, 12 males and 28 females—total, 40. Two have been added by letter. Removals, 6. Number of Sabbath school pupils, 60. Contributed for home missions, \$13-12; for other objects, \$12-25.

This church has passed through a severe trial, in the discipline of seven of its members for intemperance. Five of them have been excluded; the other two give some evidence of being reclaimed. The former influence of these members has contributed much to paralyze the labors of the ministry, and to keep the church in a low, desponding state. A long night of spiritual darkness has pervaded here. Only two persons have been added to the church by profession and only eight by letter, since 1836; while by death, dismission and excommunication, 38 have been removed. But at the present time there are some indications of improvement, which will be realized, should the Holy Spirit be poured out upon the church and people.

NEWCASTLE.

Rev. JOSEPH P. TYLER and Rev. JONATHAN WARD, stated supplies. Appropriation, \$100; of which \$44 were for the support of the latter, from Dec. 22, 1844.

Number in the church, 8 males and 21 females—total, 29. Two have been dismissed. The Sabbath school has 54 pupils.

Mr. Tyler died soon after the commencement of the year. He was a faithful minister of Christ; much respected for his piety, talents and amiable manners. He labored upon this island about four years. During his ministry about 20 were added to the church.

As almost all the men and larger boys follow the coasting or fishing business in the summer, the congregation is composed mostly of females; yet it is a station of considerable importance, and ought to be under the constant influence of the means of grace.

NEW-MARKET.

Rev. STEPHEN S. N. GREELEY, pastor. Appropriation, \$150, from November 1, 1844.

Church members, 34 males and 63 females—total, 97. One removal. Sabbath school scholars, 100. Contributed \$15 to home missions, and \$14-70 to other objects.

would also express with gratitude the confidence the Trustees of the Missionary Society have reposed in me, in continuing me so long in their service. It will be my object to contribute and pray for the prosperity of a society in whose employment I have so long labored, and whose object is the glory of God and the salvation of sinners."

PAPER-MILL VILLAGE, (ALSTEAD.)

This church numbers 14 males and 31 females; total, 45—of whom 4 are non-residents. One death. Sabbath school pupils last year, 90. No contributions reported.

The cause of truth is reported to be gradually gaining ground, though it has to encounter many discouragements. Meetings on the Sabbath have increased. The cause of temperance yet makes but small advances.

PLAINFIELD.

Rev. JACOB SCALES, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from October 3, 1844. There are in this church 8 males and 24 females: total, 32. Two hopeful conversions, and 2 have been added by letter. Sunday school pupils, 75. Contributed for home missions, \$15, and to other objects, \$116.45. Of this sum, one hundred dollars was given by one individual, to the American Board of Foreign Missions.

"The general state of religion," says the report, "is not so much improved as some hoped it would be a few weeks ago." A man about 50 years of age was hopefully converted in May. He died a few weeks after. Also, a young woman gave evidence, for the first time, of a change of heart in June. Neither of these persons had been constant attendants upon Mr. Scales's meeting.

ROXBURY.

Rev. EZRA ADAMS, stated supply. Appropriation, \$50, from Jan. 1, 1844. The number in this church last year was 40, and in the Sabbath school 60. No report this year.

The people have not renewed their request for aid this year, as Mr. Adams proposes to accept of what they can raise themselves for his support.

SALEM.

Rev. WILLIAM H. HAYWARD, pastor. Appropriation, \$125, from May 23, 1845. The church numbers 44 members. Sabbath school pupils, 40. Contributed for home missions, \$28, and for other objects, \$10. "The outward prosperity of the church and society," says the report, "has been on the increase. At no time since the dismission of Mr. Smith, 30 years ago, has the attendance on the sanctuary been so great." The society is about building a parsonage. Only 5 of the male members of this church are under 70 years of age, and 3 of these are not active, by reason of ill health. The

subscribe \$80, which is 2 per cent. upon the dollar of their property. The ways of Zion mourn in this town; but we are not without hope that God will bless the means used to repair this desolation.

THORNTON.

Rev. WILLIAM P. GALE, pastor. 1, 1844.

This church has 45 members. Appropriation, \$100, from Dec. removed by death. Number in the Sabbath school, 70. Contributed for home missions, five dollars. Added by letter, four, and one The pecuniary ability has been much weakened by a heavy failure in the neighborhood. In other respects, the state of things is rather encouraging.

TROY.

We notice this church for the sake of recording the following resolutions, passed in church meeting, May 4, 1845.

Resolved, That we consider the New-Hampshire Missionary Society an organization through whose agency many destitute churches have derived invaluable spiritual good; an organization which ought to be well sustained by the prayers and liberal contributions of the churches of the state, that it may be able greatly to enlarge its benevolent labors.

Resolved, That this church is greatly indebted to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society for its continued existence, and for having enjoyed to so good a degree the stated ministrations of the word, while receiving from the funds of the Society during the past ten years, and more; and we hereby tender our grateful acknowledgment for the assistance and encouragement thus afforded; which has been so undeserved, and yet so needful to our prosperity.

Resolved, That we make the experiment this year to sustain the institutions of the gospel among ourselves, not withdrawing wholly from the benefactions of the Missionary Society; yet hoping that we shall be able in future to obtain the means of supporting the gospel without foreign aid.

In behalf of the church;

LUTHER TOWNSEND, Pastor.

TUFTONBOROUGH.

Mr. ELIAS CHAPMAN, missionary one quarter of the time. Appropriation, \$25, from March 27, 1845. No report. Number in the church last year, 34.

This church has no house of worship. It is very feeble; but could it enjoy the stated means of grace, there is reason to hope that the cause of truth would gain ground.

WAKEFIELD.

Rev. NATHANIEL BARKER, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from July 24, 1844.

Number in the church, 53. The removals, 5. Sabbath school pupils, 115. Contributed for home missions, \$20, and for foreign missions, \$15.50. The attendance upon public worship is about 150.

"Though we have sustained a loss in the number of the church, by removals from us; and though we have not been visited during the past year with any season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," says the pastor, "yet there is evidence that the ordinances of religion have been attended with some beneficial results. For various reasons Wakefield ever has been and still is a hard field. But there are some of the true disciples of Christ planted here, who hold fast the truth, and who are waiting in humble prayer for the salvation of God."

GENERAL SUMMARY.

From the preceding details it appears that the Society has aided, during the year, 49 churches and congregations; which is four more than were aided last year. One church has assumed the whole support of its pastor. The number of missionaries that have been employed during the year is 44; of whom 30 are pastors, and 14 stated supplies. Only three have administered to two congregations each; the remainder have confined their labors to one church and society each. One stated supply, the Rev. Joseph P. Tyler, of New-castle, has died. Four pastors have been dismissed, viz.: Rev. Horace Wood, of Dalton; Rev. Calvin Chapman, of Epping; Rev. Elijah W. Tucker, of South Newmarket; and Rev. Edmund Burt, of Franconia and Bethlehem. Two stated supplies have removed to other fields of labor.

Another year has passed away without any special interest in religion to report from any of the fields occupied by this Society. So long and severe has been the spiritual drought upon this portion of our Zion, that its sad effects are beginning to be realized in the decline of the churches in spirituality and in numbers, as well as in the dismission of ministers, diminished benevolence, and in the increasing hardness and wickedness of the impenitent. Only five cases of hopeful conversion are reported as having occurred during the year. The additions to the churches reported have been 15 by profession and 30 by letter—in all, 45;—the smallest number ever before reported in any one year. The removals have been 68, which is 18 more than the number of additions.

The whole number of communicants connected with the churches that have been aided the past year is 2335. Only one church contains more than 100 members. Sabbath schools are represented to be in a flourishing condition generally. The whole number of pupils in them and in Bible classes is 3004.

The cause of temperance has been nearly stationary during the year. In a few cases only it is spoken of as making advances. There has been a decline of benevolent effort in the churches that have been assisted. The contributions to all objects have amounted to \$1-142-18, of which \$446-51 were contributed to the cause of home missions.

TREASURY.

The receipts for the year have been \$4-436-73, including a balance on hand at the commencement of the year of \$400-14. The amount of legacies received this year is only \$75, which is \$1600-84 less than was received last year from the same source. The re-

true of all who are to be concerned in such a movement, or affected by it. To reason on such subjects from premises which admit of no imperfection in human nature, is Utopian, and as dangerous in religion as it is in the science of government, or of political economy. Neither is it wise to overlook the liability to great and serious modifications of results arising from change of circumstances and the providences of God.

Were we to anticipate the entire accomplishment of the home missionary work in New-Hampshire within five, ten, or even twenty years, we should find in the end that, though we had employed the wisest and best of means, we had the poor still with us, and that thorns and briars still grew upon the field.

Aside from the fact that the funds of this Society may be unfavorably affected by those moral causes that are incident to all benevolent enterprises, there are certain things, of a providential nature, that will operate more or less to dry up the fountain on the one hand, and to change the course of its streams on the other. Some of these things it may be wise for the friends of this Society to consider. One of them may be found in the various calls for charity, which have for their object some direct or indirect bearing upon the religious prosperity of our own country. Many, when they have contributed to build a house of worship for a feeble church, to endow a college or seminary of learning in the West, or to establish Sabbath schools, or support a tract or religious book distributor there, seem to think they are released, for the time being, from obligations to the cause of home missions in New-Hampshire.

The future receipts of this Society will also suffer from the comparatively small amount it will realize from annual instalments of five dollars and upwards. A few years since, more than a fifth part of the whole sum received was from those who were constituting themselves life members by annual payments. But a small number are now induced to pledge so large a sum as \$30 for a life membership; and there is scarcely a probability that the number of such pledges will increase hereafter. Should those who have redeemed their pledges continue to aid the Society by annual donations of the same amount with their former payments, it would probably make a difference in favor of its funds of more than \$500 a year. But such liberality on their part is not generally to be expected. Past experience compels us to fear that the life-benevolence to this cause, of many who have constituted themselves life members of the Society, has come to a perpetual end.

Still another source of detriment to the funds of this Society, is found in the rising interest of the churches in Western Home Missions. It is scarcely twenty years since almost the entire home missionary action of the country was confined to the eastern states; and it is little more than half that time since the puritan churches began to encompass, in their prayers and efforts, the mighty regions of the West. The moral and prospective character of the —

to be honored with their substance, without a voluntary and cheerful self-denial that will subject their personal gratifications to more or less abatement? When God is thus honored, then will the luxury of doing good for Christ's sake, and the rewards which he has promised in consideration of a faithful stewardship, be no longer matters of unexperienced declaration, but of blessed enjoyment; then will the poor and the desolate be made glad in the comforts of the gospel, and the wilderness of our land bud and blossom as the rose.

Were the annual contributions of the churches to this Society to amount to only fifty cents on an average to each member, it would realize a fund of more than \$10-000, with which it could not only meet the wants of its own field, but pay over to the American Home Missionary Society a surplus of at least \$5-000. This we believe is a low estimate of the quota of means which the 22,000 christians in New-Hampshire ought to furnish for carrying forward the great home missionary enterprise. Is it too much to be realized? We do not despair. The spirit of the Pilgrims yet dwells in their descendants, and it only awaits the enkindling of the Spirit from on high to restore it to its ancient energy and beauty.

The Object of this Society's Efforts.

The object of this Society is thus expressed in the second article of its constitution: "The object of this Society shall be to send missionaries to destitute towns, parishes, and societies within this state, and on the borders of the same; to afford pecuniary aid to churches and societies which, in the judgment of the Trustees, are proper objects of this charity, for the support of the gospel; and to distribute tracts and books for the encouragement of Sabbath schools and juvenile societies and libraries; and thus, with all its means, to promote the interest of religion and the enlargement of the churches."

As it respects the distribution of tracts and religious books, the direct efforts of the Society have been superseded by other effective organizations. The leading object of the Society is now, and has been for many years, to aid poor churches and congregations in the support of the christian ministry. Not poor ministers, but poor churches and societies, are its beneficiaries. If a church is unable to support the gospel, it becomes a suitable object of the charity to its claim—let the pecuniary circumstances of its minister be what they may. If applications for aid, though they come in the name of the churches, are found to be more the devices of ministers for money which they have no hope of realizing from the people whom they serve, than *bona fide* expressions of the real necessities of the churches themselves, the great object of the Society would be sacrificed by regarding them with favor. The

bers of any church are laying up treasures from the fruits of their farms, and the increase of their flocks; when their dwellings, furniture, dress and equipage exhibit no marks of any special economy; or when the luxuries of their tables or the pleasures of their journeyings appear to have suffered no abatement,—it is difficult to suppress the inquiry, With what consistency can the members of such a church expect others to deny themselves for their sakes?

Nor is it the object of this Society to supply a lack of ability in churches, occasioned by disaffection or indifference towards their ministers. When a portion of a feeble church, under patronage, refuse to contribute any longer for the support of their minister, on account of prejudices which they have imbibed against him, and the church, for this reason, is constrained to ask for a larger amount of aid, it would be contrary to the great objects which the Society has in view, to grant it. We speak, of course, upon general principles. Peculiar circumstances may sometimes so modify the case, that the integrity of the cause may be still preserved by granting the aid sought.

From the foregoing remarks it may be inferred that the executive officers of this Society, in managing its pecuniary concerns, were liable to be placed in positions truly painful and trying; but upon this point we forbear to dwell.

Should the inference be also drawn from what has been said, that the funds contributed for home missions in this state have failed to promote the objects for which they were designed, we beg leave to aver that such an inference is not authorized. The very feeble state of most of the churches enjoying the aid of the Missionary Society; the general respectability, piety and usefulness of the missionaries; and, above all, the rich abundance of favor God has shown to the cause, are sufficient to secure our confidence in it,—they are sufficient to enable us to bless the Great Head of the church, that so noble and so glorious a system of charity has been devised and prosecuted these forty-four years to the spiritual refreshment of many a famishing disciple of the Lord Jesus, and to the salvation of thousands lost in trespasses and sins.

The American Home Missionary Society.

From the last annual report of this Society we learn that it had employed during the year 943 ministers of the gospel, whose aggregate of labor amounted to 736 years, and whose labors were distributed in 23 states and territories of the Union, and in Canada and Texas. The whole number of congregations and missionary districts that were favored with their ministrations, is 1285. The increase of missionaries employed during the year is 36; one half of whom were sent to the west. Not far from 60,000 pupils have been

with verdure the field now every where parched and dry. Can we do without it? New-Hampshire is our Jerusalem, where we must begin the work, which we must end in the land of Moab, and in Galilee of the Gentiles hard by; but, unaided by the arm of Jehovah, we shall quail before the mighty obstacles that will oppose us, and the enemies of our holy religion and of our freedom will be left upon the field, shouting triumphs of victory. It is not enough that we should love the land of our fathers and of our births,—that patriotism should give us a watchful eye over our country's weal:—it is not enough that we should pour out our money like water for her safety and happiness; the Lord must bless us,—he must accompany his word and the labors of his servants with his "still small voice," or all is lost.

In behalf of the Trustees:
 BENJ. P. STONE, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

New-Hampshire Missionary Society—

In account with Wm. D. BUCK, Treasurer.

<i>DR.</i>	
To paid missionaries,	
" American Home Missionary Society,	\$3-206-00
" Secretary's salary and expenses,	295-88
" Loaned Moses Cook and others, permanent fund,	325-90
" Treasurer's salary and account,	206-37
" Interest on borrowed money,	44-68
" Taxes on land in Lincoln,	10-77
" Asa McFarland, for printing reports,	5-67
	96-90
Balance in the treasury,	
Counterfeit silver dollar,	\$4-192-07
Note against Dr. Eastman, of Candia,	234-65
	1-00
	4-39
<i>CR.</i>	
By balance last year's account,	\$4-432-11
By income of the Permanent Fund,	
By cash from the A. H. M. S., returned,	\$400-14
By legacies,	138-52
By donations,	60-50
	75-00
	3-757-95
	\$4-432-11

Having examined the above account, I find it correctly cast and well vouched; and find in the hands of the Treasurer two hundred and thirty-four dollars and six cents.

Sept. 2, 1845.

Concord South—Church and society,	24 81
Mrs. B. P. Stone, 3d instalment life membership,	5 00
Rev. B. P. Stone, for son George W., life member,	5 00
W. D. Buck, for Mrs. G. R. Buck, life member,	5 00
Danbury—Legacy of Mrs. Polly Hicks,	25 00
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CONSTITUTION OF THE N. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to send missionaries to destitute towns, parishes, and societies within this state, and on borders of the same ; to afford pecuniary aid to churches and societies which, in the judgment of the trustees, are proper objects of charity, for the support of the gospel ; and to distribute tracts and books for the encouragement of Sabbath schools and juvenile societies and libraries ; and thus, with all its means, to promote the interests of religion and the enlargement of the churches.

ART. 3. The officers of the society shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and auditor, to be chosen annually, and nine trustees, to be chosen triennially, the seats of one third of the trustees to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All officers shall be made by ballot ; and the president, vice-president and secretary shall be trustees *ex-officio*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and in his absence, the vice-president, to preside in the meetings of the society and the trustees, six of whom shall constitute a quorum for doing business.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to preserve a true and correct record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees ; to fill up commissions for missionaries ; to receive their journals, and to receive and distribute tracts and books, as the trustees may annually appropriate for the purpose.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society, and to give bonds for the same in any case where the society shall require ; to lease, or convey by deed, any real estate belonging to the society, whenever, and only when authorized thereto by a vote of the trustees—and to exhibit, annually to the society, a fair account, audited, of all his proceedings, and of the state of the treasury, and to the trustees whenever they may require it.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to superintend the management of the society, between its annual meetings ; to hold annual meetings, and special meetings also, at the discretion of the trustees, and by the appointment of the president ; to authorize the

churches in this state, whether designed to be expended in or out of the state, be made directly to the treasury of the state society.

2. Should contributions be made for specific purposes, such as to constitute the donor a member or director for life of the American Home Missionary Society, or to be applied to the support of missionaries in the western and southern States, the contributors are expected to make known their wishes to the treasurer of the State Society, on paying over their donations, and the amount will be forwarded to the Parent Society, or retained in the State, as the donor shall direct.

3. All persons residing in this State, who may wish to make legacies or bequests, or donations of real estate, to the American Home Missionary Society, are desired to make them directly to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, directing them to pay the amount or the avails of the same to the treasurer, for the time being, of the American Home Missionary Society, in the city of New-York, for the purposes specified by the testators or donors.

ABSALOM PETERS, *Cor. Sec. of the A. H. M. S.*
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STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven.

[L. S.] *An Act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the*
NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened*, that Rev. Elihu Thayer, Samuel Wood, Walter Harris and Ethan Smith, and Messrs. John Mills, Joseph Towne and Joshua Morse, and their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate forever, by the name of the *New-Hampshire Missionary Society*, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; and shall be and hereby are vested with all the powers and privileges which are by law incident to corporations of a similar nature.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to take, receive and hold in fee simple, or otherwise, grants and devises of lands and real estate, and also subscriptions, donations and bequests of money and personal estate; and may establish funds, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for promoting the laudable and benevolent design of their institution.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Ethan Smith and Joseph Towne, or either of them, be and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving three weeks' notice of the time and place thereof, in the

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ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Trustees of the New Hampshire Missionary Society would respectfully invite the attention of this audience to their *forty-fifth Annual Report*, which will embrace a brief view of the statistics and of the moral and religious state of each church that has been aided during the year,—the names of the Missionaries, the amount of aid granted to each church,—general results,—the state of the treasury,—permanent fund, and a few other topics of interest to the cause.

But the detailed account of the churches, missionaries and appropriations, we pass over in the reading.

Andover.

"While we deplore," says the pastor, "the withholding of the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit, we can rejoice that there are some indications of good in other respects. The meetings on the Sabbath are quite as well if not better attended, than formerly. The ladies' sewing circle is exerting a happy influence. Number in the church 20. Dismissed 4. Number in Sabbath school 40. Contributed to home missions \$1.50. To other objects by the missionary \$5.

Rev. NATHAN HOWARD, pastor. Appropriation, \$50, for one half of the time, from January 1, 1846.

Auburn.

The state of things in this parish is not very encouraging at present. A new meeting-house is much needed. The church became destitute the last Sabbath in June, the missionary closed his labors at that time. It is again supplied. The church now numbers 35. Sabbath school pupils 90. Raised for home missions, \$19.47. Congregation averages 125. The Methodists have a congregation of about 50. No other meetings are held in town, containing a population of 1000. About 100 families neglect the house of God entirely.

Rev. SAMUEL ORDWAY, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from Oct. 10, 1845. Present supply, Rev. JAMES HOLMES. Appropriation, \$100, from Aug. 15, 1846.

Bennington.

"The morals of our congregation," says the pastor, "are on the advance a little. The state of religion is not what it should be, but except two or three cases, is not going backwards."

Our congregation is certainly as large now as it has ever been, and our external prosperity is not less. We need only the presence and power of the Holy Spirit." Number of church members, 22 males, and 48 females—total, 70. Removed by death or excommunicated, 3. Sabbath school pupils, 100. Contributed for home missions, \$20, and for other objects, \$68.

Rev. JAMES DE F. RICHARDS, pastor. Appropriation, \$50, from Sept. 20, 1845.

Centre Harbor.

"The past year," says the pastor, "has been one of trial to us above any previous year. The tide has been going out. Emigration thins our numbers, and spiritual apathy paralyzes the moral power of those that remain. There are within the bounds of my parish 93 families, containing 300 persons of sufficient age to attend meeting every Sabbath, but less than one half of this number are found in any or all the places of public worship on that holy day. My congregation averages from 75 to 100. Intoxicating liquor is sold here in spite of us, but we expect it will be removed. The state of religion is low. Social meetings on week days are poorly attended. This is truly a time that tries men's souls."

This church has long been embarrassed by a meeting-house debt of more than \$600. This debt has been paid during the year.

Number in the church, 19 males, and 31 females—total, 50, of whom 7 are non-residents. One has been added by letter, and one dismissed. Sabbath school numbers 50 pupils. Contributed for home missions, \$18, and for other objects, \$20.

Rev. ALMON BENSON, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Sept. 1, 1845.

Danbury.

No particular change in the state of this church and people has taken place during the year. The population of the town is about 200, of whom not more than 200 attend public worship any where. Number in the church, 27 males; and 31 females—total, 58. Removed by death, 1; and from town, 2. Two infants have been baptized. The Sabbath school has 45 pupils. The average congregation is 75. Contributed for home missions, \$4.50, and for foreign missions, \$6.50.

Rev. DANIEL PULSIFER, pastor. Appropriation, \$75, from Jan. 1, 1846.

Danbury is one of the first towns in the State which attracted the attention of the Missionary Society. It was sometimes connected with New Chester, Bristol and Alexandria, and sometimes with other destitute towns in the vicinity, as a missionary field. Since 1841 the church has enjoyed the labors of a pastor all the time.

Dalton.

This church became again supplied one half of the time in Sep-

The population of the town is 1234. Only about two-ninths of the population attend the Sanctuary. The state of morals and of religious sentiment is deplorable.

Rev. ENOCH CORSER, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from June 1, 1849.

Enfield.

The state of things in this church is still discouraging. Coldness and worldliness characterize the church, insensibility and a kind of recklessness characterize the men of the world. Intemperance, though it does not reign triumphant as it once did, yet there is reason to fear that it is secretly reinstating its dominion over us. The cause of benevolence finds little sympathy. Such, briefly, is the state of things among us, and in view of it, I may say with the Apostle, "We are perplexed, but not in despair; cast down, but not destroyed." The bow of promise still appears amid the darkness bright, and I believe will yet break through the cloud, and the day star from on high shall yet arise with healing in his beams." Number of church members, 12 males, and 19 females—total, 31. One has been added by letter. Sabbath school pupils, 25.

Rev. BENJAMIN BURGE, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Oct. 9, 1845.

Farmington.

The Rev. JOSEPH LANE, who has supplied this church about a year and a half, left in May, to labor as an agent for the American Tract Society. It has since been supplied on the Sabbath. The church consists of 14 males and 18 females—total, 32—of whom 9 are non-residents. Sabbath school has 50 pupils.

Rev. JOSEPH LANE, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from Nov. 1, 1845.

Franconia.

This church became destitute in September by the dismissal of its pastor, the Rev. EDMUND BURT. It has again been supplied one half of the time in connection with Bethlehem. It is extremely small and feeble, there being only 6 males and 12 females—total, 18. Two have been removed by death. The Sabbath school numbers 35 pupils, and the congregation from 40 to 100. "A large majority of the people of both of these towns," says the report, "are inclined to favor the Free Will Baptist order. There is one characteristic of these towns that I have regarded as very much in their favor, and that is, there is less avowed universalism and infidelity than in any other towns of my acquaintance."

Rev. ISAAC ESTY, stated supply. Appropriation, \$75, from April 1, 1846.

Gilsum.

"As to the state of religion in Gilsum," says the report, "things have passed along peaceably and harmoniously. There has been no

Hudson.

"Knowing that more than one half of our population," says the Rev. Mr. Page in his report, "do not attend meeting any where, I am now engaged in an effort, the object of which is to promote the observance of the Sabbath. I purchased a blank book, perhaps, of 350 pages, in which I wrote, in few words, a pledge requiring those who subscribe, to suspend all their worldly avocations on the Sabbath, and regularly attend public worship somewhere, when not prevented in the providence of God. My present intention is to visit every family in the place. I request families to sign as families—parents and children. I have now a little more than 260 names as members of the 'Hudson Association for promoting a proper observance of the Sabbath.'" A good measure. Let others try it. Number in the church, 31. Added by profession, 1—by letter, 4. Dismissed, 1. Hopeful conversions, 2. Sabbath school pupils, 100. Contributed for home missions, \$30, and for other objects, \$12.94. R. V. WILLIAM PAGE, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from April 17, 1846.

Hooksett.

The church in this manufacturing place was organized in 1828, consisting of 7 members, only one of whom was a male. There are now 14 members, 5 of whom are males. The church has never enjoyed the services of any one minister more than one year at a time. They have never had a house of worship which they could call their own. The church and society are now building one at an expense of \$1500, \$1200 of which they have already raised themselves. The congregation on the Sabbath ranges from 100 to 75. About 90 are in the Sabbath school. About 400 volumes of the American Tract Society's publications have recently been circulated in town. \$20 have been raised for the Bible Society. The population of the town is nearly 1400, of whom 250 are operatives in the factory. Upon the whole, the state and prospects of the cause in Hooksett are more hopeful than they have been for many years.

Rev. JAMES W. PERKINS, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from June 1, 1846.

Langdon.

Nothing of special interest has occurred here during the year. As in most other places, religion is low. "I cannot but hope," says the pastor, "that there is an end of this spiritual wilderness in this church, and that she will ere long come forth leaning on her beloved." The whole number in the church is 39, of whom 14 are non-residents. Two have been added by letter, and 4 have removed. One infant baptism. The number attending the Sabbath school not reported. Contributed to home missions, \$10.24, and to other objects, \$22.36.

Rev. JOHN WOOD, pastor. Appropriation, \$126, from April 5, 1846.

rance, profanity, Sabbath-breaking and other vicious practices abounding in the community. The congregation averages about 100. It is situated in a community of about 500 souls, of whom not more than one-third attend public worship any where. The church numbers 11 males and 34 females—total, 45. 3 added by letter. One excommunicated. 4 infants baptized. 64 connected with the Sabbath school. \$13.40 contributed to home missions, and to foreign missions, \$12.75.

Rev. W. JOHN SHEPARD, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Dec. 1, 1846.

New Castle.

The Rev. JONATHAN WARD, after having labored here more than a year, introduced another man, and retired from the field. "The most interesting feature," says the report, "in the moral and religious aspect of this people is, perhaps, in the Sabbath school. The number connected with it has recently been largely increased. The School being destitute of a library, one was given by the Mass. Society for promoting Christian knowledge. Tracts and books have been furnished by the American Tract Society, and by the Hon. S. W. Walley of Boston, which have been circulated among the people, and especially among those going to sea. Mr. Walley has also furnished the Sabbath school with "a children's Missionary Map of the World," and a "pictorial Map of India and Ceylon." The church numbers 9 males and 23 females—total, 32. Number in the Sabbath school 104. Congregation has some increased. The population of the Island is 742, mostly in the village. The Congregational meeting-house is the only one in the place. The Christians, the only other denomination there, worship in a school house.

Rev. LUCIUS ALDEN, stated supply. Appropriation, \$50, for six months, from April 19, 1846.

New Market.

"This is always a floating population," says the pastor. "But never have so many individuals, some of them old residents, and never have so many whole families gone from us, and from the place as of late. All our religious societies have met with losses, but we, in our feebleness, have suffered exceedingly. While we have still had a congregation, and generally a good congregation for this place on the Sabbath, yet there are a very few individuals, on whom rests any responsibility for the support of the gospel." This church was organized in 1828, and great were then the hopes of all interested in its welfare, and these hopes, though in a great measure still deferred, are not yet wholly abandoned. Its present number is 35 males and 63 females—total, 98. Whole number in the Sabbath school, 105. Some unusual interest has been felt in the temperance cause.

BAILEY was settled its first pastor a few days after. Salem was then the North Parish of Methuen, Mass. It became a town in 1750, by running a new line, which brought it into New Hampshire. The church at the time of its organization, or soon after, consisted of 32 members. Mr. Bailey continued his ministry till 1797—fifty-seven years—when he was succeeded by the Rev. John Smith, who continued his labors twenty years, when he was dismissed, and became Professor in the Theological Seminary at Bangor. In 1819, the Rev. Wm. Balch was settled, and dismissed in 1835. In 1840, the Rev. Jonas Fisk was settled, who was dismissed in 1843. In

During Mr. Bailey's ministry, 179 were added to the church, and 1113 children were baptized. Mr. Smith admitted 52 to the church. Mr. Balch admitted 42, and Mr. Fisk 88. The whole number that have belonged to the church from the beginning, is 391. The present number is 43—males 11, females 32. The Sabbath school numbers 45 pupils. Contributed for home missions, \$38, and for other objects, \$9.47. A parsonage house has been completed during the year. The church asks for \$25 less aid than it has received in past years.

Rev. WM. H. HAYWARD, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from May 23, 1846.

Salmon Falls, (Somersworth.)

Here is a new church and a new missionary field. The application for aid says—"In regard to the prospects of the church and society, we submit to you the following facts: There are now here 400 operatives engaged in the factory. The entire population of our village is about 700. There is an Episcopal church in the place, but it has not supported preaching since the 1st of April, and probably will not in future. The village of South Berwick, Me., lies to the east of us about three-fourths of a mile distant. The whole number of our people who attend church there, does not exceed 100. Our religious society was organized the 1st of January. Since that time we have had constant preaching. We have occupied a small hall, which will accommodate about 150 persons. This has been well filled, and we are assured that many others would come in, could they be accommodated with seats. There is a large hall now erecting, which will accommodate 500 or more, which the society have engaged to be completed in a few weeks.

"When the water-power is all taken up, of which there is a prospect that it will be soon, the operatives will be increased to 800 or more, and the population of our village to correspond must be, at least; 2500.

"The church was organized the first of May. Number of males 6, females 8—total, 14. There is a Sabbath school numbering about 60 pupils, nearly all adults."

The amount of ratable property held by members of this church is about \$8000, and by all others who contribute for it, about \$6000. There have been...

intemperance still reigns over many, and we fear the spirit of darkness over many more. What to say of future prospects, I hardly know. One thing, if I am not deceived, is evident, viz.—that some stable, well-laid and consistent system of operations, with God's blessing, would effect something here, and that transient movements are worth little."

The church consists of twenty members, viz., 4 males and 16 females, of whom 3 are non-residents.

Mr. JOHN P. PERRY, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from June 21, 1846.

Thornton.

This church has been diminished during the year, by 3 deaths, and 7 removals. Present number, 36. One has been added by letter. The report says, "we have a flourishing Sabbath school," but does not give the number of pupils. \$5 contributed for foreign missions. We do not believe that the church in Thornton are excusable for doing nothing for the cause of Home Missions;—that cause which has held them up so long.

Rev. WM. P. GALE, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Dec. 1, 1845.

Tuftonborough.

The Rev. JOHN S. WINTER, of Ossipee, was commissioned in June, to labor 8 weeks here, provided the people would raise enough to employ him four weeks more, but no report has been received from him.

Wakefield.

The same spiritual famine rages in this place as elsewhere. Nothing of importance has occurred during the year. There are in the church 16 males and 34 females—total, 50. Removed by death, one, and by dismission, two. Sabbath school attendants, 100. Congregation averages 150. Contributed to home missions, \$21.50, and to foreign, \$16.

Rev. NATHANIEL BARKER, pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from July 24, 1845.

Washington.

"The Sabbath in town," says the report, "is better observed than what it was two years ago, and we think the moral condition of community has improved. Our congregation, for the last six months, has been more attentive and serious than usual; and at times, I have had hopes of a revival, but none as yet have been heard to inquire what they should do to be saved." The church has 9 males and 30 females—total, 39—of whom 4 are non-residents. Two have died. Number in the Sabbath school and Bible class, 100. The congregation averages 125. Contributed to home missions, \$26.

Rev. J. F. GRISWOLD, stated supply. Appropriation, \$100, from July 1, 1846.

GENERAL RESULTS.

CHURCHES.

The whole number of churches to which appropriations have been made during the year is 47, which is 2 less than were reported last year. One church, the church in Warner, has dismissed its pastor, and settled another, without foreign aid. Two churches have been received under patronage, viz.—Hooksett and Salmon Falls. The last mentioned has been recently gathered. Seven churches have changed their ministers, and four others that were destitute last year, have been supplied. Two churches have become destitute, viz.—Deering and Shelburne.

MISSIONARIES.

The whole number of ministers of the gospel that have been in commission in part or the whole of the year is 46, viz.—21 pastors and 24 stated supplies, and 1 occasional supply. One pastor has been dismissed. These brethren have performed about 38 years of ministerial labor during the year, nearly one-third of which has been at the expense of the Society.

ADDITIONS, REMOVALS, &c.

The whole number added to the churches aided during the year has been—by profession 7, and by letter, 25—total, 32. The removals have been by dismission, 32, by death, 31, and by excommunication, 4—total, 67. Decrease, 35. The whole number of communicants in these churches is 2118.

ATTENDANTS ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The average number who attend public worship on the Sabbath upon the field at present occupied by the Society, is not far from 5600, which gives an average to each congregation, of 119.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The reports of the Missionaries generally represent the Sabbath schools connected with their congregations, to be flourishing, and, in some instances, to be increasing in interest. The whole number of pupils connected with them, including a few in Bible classes, is 3024. The prospective influence of these schools is one of the most encouraging features in our operations.

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The cause of Temperance has received more or less attention in nearly all the churches aided. Though in some instances it is

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- A note signed by Osias Holmes and others, - - - 206-37
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tious in these towns are—2 Baptist, 3 Free Will Baptist, 1 Christian and 1 Methodist.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

The number of towns in this county is 31, and of churches, 33—of which 11 once received missionary aid, at the rate of \$1094. Four of these churches now have ministers, and support them themselves. Six churches are still aided, receiving at the rate of \$575 a year. The population of the county is 42,494. Two towns, viz.—*Weare* and *Windsor*, with a population of 2552, are without a Congregational Church or minister. The stated preachers of other denominations in these two towns are—1 Baptist and 1 Free Will Baptist.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.

This county contains 22 towns, with a population of 26,429. The whole number of churches is 23, of which 11 have been aided by the Missionary Society, receiving at the rate of \$1300 a year. Seven churches now support the ministry themselves. Five churches yet receive aid at the rate of \$500 a year. Two towns, viz.—*Marlow* and *Richmond*, with a population of 1790, have no Congregational minister nor Church. They have 1 Baptist and 1 Methodist preacher.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.

The whole number of towns in this county is 15, which contain a population of 20,340. There are 13 churches, of which 9 have received aid at the rate of \$875 a year. Three churches have become extinct. Five churches are now aided at the rate of \$325 a year. No feeble church in this county has become able to support the gospel. Four towns, with a population of 4299, are without either a Congregational Church or minister. They are *Grantham*, *Springfield*, *Unity* and *Wendell*. They have 2 Free Will Baptist, 1 Christian, and 1 Methodist ministers.

GRAFTON COUNTY.

The number of towns in this county is 37, containing a population of 42,311. The number of churches is 27, of which 20 have been aided by the Missionary Society, receiving at the rate of \$1600 a year. Four churches have become extinct. Five churches now support the gospel without assistance. Seven now receive aid at the rate of \$570 a year. Seventeen towns are without a Congregational minister or preaching, and 16 have no Congregational Church. These towns are—*Alexandria*, *Benton*, *Dome's Gore*, *Dorchester*, *Ellsworth*, *Grafton*, *Holderness*, *Landaff*, *Lisbon*, *Lincoln*, *Lyman*, *Orange*, *Rumney*, *Warren*, *Waterville* and *Woodstock*. The population of these towns is 12,037. The resident ministers of other denominations are—2 Baptist, 11 Free Will Baptist, 1 Christian, and 5 Methodist.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF THE CHURCHES ONCE AIDED, BUT
 NOW INDEPENDENT :

Churches.	When aid commenced.	Whole amount received.	Remarks.
Atkinson,	1821		
Kingston,	1837	\$1247	Supplied for less salary.
Raymond,	1824	200	Ceased to ask aid.
Rye,	1829	575	Appropriations ceased.
Stratham,	1821	1275	Ceased to ask aid.
Gilmanton Centre,	1826	554	Ceased to ask aid.
Meredith I. Works,	1830	555	Ceased to ask aid.
Barrington,	1826	528	Ceased to ask aid.
Moultonboro',	1814	500	Ceased to ask aid.
Durham,	1829	596	Ceased to ask aid.
Milton,	1817	478	Ceased to ask aid.
Rochester,	1812	954	Appropriations ceased.
Somersetworth,	1818	1683	Ceased to ask aid.
Northfield,	1817	330	Ceased to ask aid.
Pittsfield,	1820	520	Ceased to ask aid.
Epsom,	1820	1200	or Gt. Falls, ceased to ask aid.
Bradford,	1828	513	& Sanbornton Bridge, app. c.
Franklin,	1821	418	Ceased to ask aid.
Warner,	1820	1071	Ceased to ask aid.
Goffstown,	1825	1000	Appropriations ceased.
Manchester and)	1818	1169	Ceased to ask aid.
Amoskeag, }		44	Appropriations ceased.
Merrimack,	1826	696	Only 1 missionary sent here.
Wilton,	1831	250	Now the 1st Church, Man-
New Alstead,	1826	1021	chester.
Chesterfield,	1828	450	Ceased to ask aid.
Hinsdale,	1834	331	Ceased to ask aid.
Roxbury,	1822	532	Appropriations ceased.
Swanzy,	1826	750	Ceased to ask aid.
Troy,	1825	74	Ceased to ask aid.
Walpole,	1824	951	" to receive missionaries.
Littleton,	1834	100	Ceased to ask aid.
Bath,	1811	263	Ceased to ask aid.
Piermont,	1837	100	Ceased to send missionaries.
Bristol,	1815	538	Only 1 ap. made to West Bath.
Wentworth,	1820	682	Appropriations ceased.
Lancaster,	1814	403	Ceased to ask aid.
	1830	665	Ceased to send missionaries.

The whole number of churches in the above list, is 38. The whole amount of missionary funds that have been expended for their benefit, is \$23,217. Some of them have gained but little, if any, strength since they became independent; and a few did not cease to ask aid because they had become more wealthy than they were before, but because their ministers were disposed to make a sacrifice, and live on a less salary. But the largest portion of them ceased to ask aid because they no longer needed it, and they have, for the most part, made progress in numbers and ability. The present number of communicants in all these churches, is not far from 3000.

sumation of our work, we are yet doing a work, and completing every year—and it tells gloriously upon the great interests of the ministry. It is literally a work of aiding the poor to sustain the gospel ministry. Contemplated simply in a pecuniary point of view, it must afford some satisfaction to every patron of the Society, to know that what he contributes for the assistance of the feeble churches, goes, for the most part, to stimulate and encourage them in personal effort. Our Missionaries receive an average salary of about \$330 a year. The aggregate amount of money expended in maintaining the ordinances of the gospel among them is not far from \$500 a year. About one-fourth of this sum is paid by the Missionary Society—the remaining three-fourths is raised by the churches themselves. Now, assuming that the feeble churches did make no personal effort to support the gospel, were not their ability supplied by the hand of charity, and the history of the Society shows that we have assumed a fact, the appropriations made to them may be considered as an *invested* charity, an annual income for the support of the ministry is something less than \$11,000, which is, at least, \$300 per cent. on the amount appropriated. Is this a small item in the estimates we make of the direct influence of our operations? It would be so indeed, if of no importance for any people to make pecuniary sacrifices for their own good, and the good of their fellow-men. Unless a church's ministers can be raised up, to whom bread, raiment and shelter shall not be essential articles of life, the churches generally receiving aid would be deprived of the blessings of a permanent ministry, were the Missionary Society to cast them upon their own resources. What they now contribute towards sustaining the ministry among themselves, is literally the result of mission—let that aid be withheld, more than \$10,000 might be needed, but it would be no addition to their riches or comfort—they would sink them in deeper penury—and this would not be the fault of Christian benevolence would lose the free-will offerings of these churches, and this would be another source of suffering to soul and body.

This article is not intended to produce the impression that churches have been aided, which were able to support the gospel themselves. The Missionary Society has sometimes been imposed upon, by those, whose aid they would not. The most of these churches, if not all, are sustained by their own ministers. We would, by no means, charge them with fraud upon the treasury of the Lord. They were led into an error by false reasoning, or they were ignorant of what was real of them. I will here state, for the special benefit of those feeble churches that have only one half, two thirds, or three quarters of the time, that it is the duty of them that they will do to the utmost of their ability for themselves, before they ask aid. If a church, for instance, is able to raise \$300, for the support of the ministry the whole time, it is not

the most important have been preaching, and the diffusion of intelligence concerning the moral and religious condition of the land, particularly, the extent of its spiritual desolations, the prevalence of vice, scepticism, and religious ignorance, the rise, progress and influence of Popery, and all the various protean combinations of wicked men and seducers, that are waxing worse and worse against God, and the freedom he has given this nation. Our auxiliary character has excited and directed us to these means, and as sustained us in the use of them.

It has shown the churches their propriety, and has promoted those enlarged views of the whole subject of Home Missions, which would not otherwise have been aimed. As they were thus led to contemplate the West in its true light, they saw a greater importance in New England Missions, and though the eloquence of the Western theme may have been the immediate occasion of their increased liberality to the general cause, yet they the more cheerfully remembered the needy nearer as partakers of their benefits.

It, aside from the promotion of Home Missionary intelligence, the consequent increase of contributions for the purposes of Societies, our auxiliary relation to the Parent Society has thus the greater importance of system and economy in the exercise of the sacred charity committed to our trust. A more full account of the ability, circumstances and prospects has been

of every church asking aid than formerly, and in addition that have voluntarily become independent, some have been upon their own resources entirely. This policy has been from the double conviction that we are bound to economy from our own expenditures for the sake of the West, and also, that bestowed where there was not actual necessity, only tended to weaken, rather than

in the interests of religion. As the result of this policy, the same time, all the feeble churches in the State, able to apply with a reasonable grant of aid, have been, and have, from time to time, had the privilege of paying over

ent Society a surplus of funds, from \$500 to \$1000—and from the numerous contributions made expressly for these contributions, together with occasional legacies, have \$1000 to more than \$3500 a year. In view of these we will doubt the utility of the relation this Society has held with the American Home Missionary Society for the past nineteen years, but it has indeed made it a no insignificant auxiliary to the work of evangelizing our whole domain.

CIRCULATION OF THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Secretary received last winter a quantity of circulars from the American Home Missionary Society, relating to

"But this I say, brethren, the time" for the accomplishment of the Home Missionary work "is short." This nation will not be long in reaching some fixed and decisive point in its moral and religious character. When that point is reached, and various influences are combining and concentrating to hasten it, the philanthropy of Christendom will either weep or rejoice with respect to the prospect for the kingdom of peace and holiness on earth. Some of us may live to see the religious character of our nation established, and the resources of its moral power developed. The lot of our children, in their manhood, will be in accordance with the measure of influence our present brief action will have upon the maturity of our national character, then effected almost beyond the power of human agencies to modify or change.

The wily followers of Loyola, the great mischief-plotter of Europe, have read in the book of nature, that the time is short, and they have come among us to shorten the time of our Protestant faith and of our republican institutions. They know that it will soon be decided who shall be the civil and religious masters of this land. Strange, then, if they should not bring all their zeal, their learning, and discipline in the arts of iniquity to bear upon the issue. Aroused by the conviction that what they do to enthrall us, they should do quickly, they come down upon us with armies of vassals and millions of gold, and, with a haste unparalleled in the history of human enterprise, they are seizing all our vantage ground. Where are we? Shall we, the marshalled hosts of the Lord, lie within our fancied entrenchments of patriotism, intelligence and the genius of freedom, while these spies of our strength are in the camp, and around our very fire-sides and domestic altars, listening to all we say, and watching all we do? In forethought, in sacrifice and in seasonable action, shall we not be as wary as they? How long shall it be said, "These children of the world are in their generation wiser than we, the professed children of light?"

"Brethren, the time is short." Every revolving year brings us nearer the consummation of our country's destinies. God yet permits us to occupy a most favorable position in the mighty contest—he yet promises us the victory, if we will but gird on the armor and go forth to the war. But if we, even we, the exalted sons of New England, who have never groaned under the iron rod of despotism, if we desert the standard of our faith, or gather timorously around it, there is no friend that will interpose to save us—there is no arm that will be wielded in our defence.

In behalf of the Trustees,

BENJ. P. STONE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, from Sept. 2, 1845, to Sept. 4, 1846.

SAMUEL FARRINGTON, Treasurer.

<i>Alstead</i> —	Congregational Church, in part to constitute Rev. Robert Cosset, Life Member,.....	\$23 00
<i>Acworth</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	30 00
"	Female charitable society,.....	12 00
"	Ladies' charitable society \$18, cong. church \$12, to constitute Rev. S. Wright life member of the American Home Missionary Society,.....	30 00
<i>Amherst</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	35 21
<i>Andrim</i> —	Richard Boylston, for son, Edward D., life member,.....	5 00
	Presbyterian church and society; ladies and gentlemen's Association,.....	18 31
	Presbyterian church and society; ladies and gentlemen's association for the A. H. M. S.	8 50
	Presbyterian church and society, \$21 80; ladies association, \$14 69, (last year's collection,).....	36 44
<i>Bath</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	4 00
<i>Bedford</i> —	Presbyterian church and society,.....	45 00
<i>Bennington</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	18 00
	Monthly concert, \$12; a friend, 5; Rev. A. Manson, life member, \$6,.....	23 00
<i>Bethlehem</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	7 56
<i>Boscawen</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	48 00
	Thomas Peach, annual subscriber,.....	2 00
	Abial Gerrish, life member,.....	30 00
	Abigail G. Plummer, life member,.....	30 00
<i>Boscawen, West</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	14 03
<i>Bradford</i> —	Congregational church and society,.....	10 00
<i>Bristol</i> —	Congregational Church and society,.....	8 00
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ber; and \$15 to complete Jacob Noyes life	
member, and balance \$2,.....	22 00
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<i>Worthington</i> —Congregational church and society,.....	9 84
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member,.....	30 00
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Luther Townsend, life member,.....	18 50
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ANNUAL REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT,—By the grace of God, the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society are permitted to present to this audience their forty-sixth Annual Report, which will embrace the statistics, and the moral and religious condition of each church and missionary field aided during the year, the name of each missionary, the date of his commission, and the amount appropriated for his support; the finances of the Society; an abstract of the last report of the American Home Missionary Society, and a few general remarks.

ANDOVER.

The report from this place says, "As to morals and religion, we should be happy to report a greater advancement, yet there are some grounds of encouragement. Our denomination, its doctrines and usages, appear to be as much in favor with the people as any other. There seems to be a gradual turning to the truth. Meetings for public worship are as well, if not better attended than ever before. But we have to deplore the withholding of the Holy Spirit in its reviving influences. Intemperance may be said to be on the increase, owing principally to the transient population brought in by the construction of the Rail Road through the town. There are eight places where intoxicating drinks are sold. There is not much, if any, increase of intemperance among the permanent inhabitants. Fifty dollars have been raised, partly by the Ladies Sewing Circle, and partly by subscription, for a Social Library. A good selection of books has been purchased, and these are read with interest by many of the inhabitants."

The church numbers 5 males and 12 females, total 17. Sabbath School and Bible Class pupils, 50. Contributions, total \$8,00; to other objects \$5. Contributions, total \$8,00.

Church members, 24 males, and 54 females; total, 80; died 3, and 2 added by letter. Sabbath School pupils, 140. Contributed for Home Missions \$31,90, and to Foreign Missions \$26,25.
 Rev. DANIEL GOODWIN, Pastor. Appropriation, \$75, from Jan. 1, 1847.

CHARLESTOWN.

"The past," says the pastor, "has been distinguished rather as a year of darkness and trial to this feeble member of Christ's body. We have experienced no extraordinary influences of the Holy Spirit, but rather a remarkable absence of his converting and sanctifying power. But though we are troubled on every side and perplexed, yet we are not in despair. Fixing our confidence in Him who has the hearts of all men in his power, and can render the feeblest instrumentality efficacious to the advancement of his kingdom, we labor on and hope for better things."

The number in the church is 67. One has been added by letter, 2 have died, and 2 have been dismissed to other churches. Sabbath School pupils, 100. Contributed to Home Missions, \$20, and to other objects \$61.
 Rev. JONAS DeF. RICHARDS, Pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Sept. 20, 1846.

CENTRE-HARBOR.

Nothing of special interest has occurred in this place during the year. "As to gathering numbers," says the pastor, "my position is a trying one. The tide is always going out, and to a great extent our labors serve only to prepare materials for churches and societies in larger towns."

The church numbers 51, ten of whom are absent from town. The Sabbath School embraces about 60 pupils; Temperance Society, 75. Attendance on public worship much the same as last year. Contributed for Home Missions \$19,10, including \$7 by the Cent Society, and for other objects \$10.

Rev. ALMON BENSON, Pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Sept. 1, 1846.

DALTON.

The Missionary here labors one half of the time in Whitefield. His report shows that the truth is gaining ground, though it does not speak of any special attention to religion. There is now no other regular preaching in town.

The number in the Church is 12 males and 22 females; total, 34. One has died. Sabbath School pupils, 70. Last year's report. Nothing reported for benevolent objects.

Rev. JOSEPH MARSH, Stated Supply one half of the time. Appropriation, \$50, from Sept. 28, 1846.

DANBURY.

Nothing of special interest is reported from this church. Outward prosperity attends it.

to the Foreign, Home, Bible and Tract Societies. The other was an aged man, who, though not a member of the church, had done much by his money and hospitalities to sustain the cause of religion in the place. He left a permanent fund to the church which yields \$20 per annum.

The church numbers 37. Added by letter, 2. Died 2. Sabbath School pupils, 60.

Rev. ENOCH CORSER, Stated Supply. Appropriation, \$100, from June 1, 1846.

ENFIELD.

The little church in this place is in a distracted and unhappy condition, and the state of morals and religion in the town is extremely low. "In this respect," says the pastor, "there is very much to dishearten, and nothing but strong confidence in the sovereign purpose of God can save his people from utter despair."

The church numbers 12 males and 14 females; total, 26. Sabbath School Scholars, 20. No contributions for benevolent objects reported.

Rev. BENJAMIN BURGE, Pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Oct. 9, 1846.

FARMINGTON.

The report says that the attendance on public worship is increasing, and that the state of morals is good comparatively. No special interest in religion.

Church numbers 10 males and 16 females; total 26. Number in Sabbath School and Bible Class, 55. Two classes of young men in the Sabbath School and one of married persons. Contributed to Foreign Missions, \$5.00.

Rev. BENJAMIN G. WILEY, Stated Supply. Appropriation, \$100, from January 15, 1847.

FRANCONIA.

This place is connected with Bethlehem in the support of the gospel. Our Missionary labors half of his time in each. The Congregational interest there is small, and the prospect is not very flattering that there ever will be much increase.

The church numbers 6 males and 12 females; total 18. Sabbath School pupils 30. Raised for Home Missions, \$10.79.

Rev. ISAAC ESTY, Stated Supply. Appropriation, \$75, from April 1, 1847.

GILSUM.

There has been some religious interest in this place during the year. The state of the church and society is quite encouraging. The cause of temperance is triumphant. No ardent spirits are sold in town. As there is considerable manufacturing business going on in the place, the prospect is fair that the congregation will continue

pend its funds on this field. During this time there has been very little if any ministerial labor performed on the ground, except occasionally by neighboring ministers. Several years ago the church gave up their former place of worship, and became connected with the churches at Haverhill Corner, and at Wells River, Vt. It was then thought best to make no further effort to build up the cause of Christ within their own bounds. Recently the church has resolved to reassemble, and to make one more effort to repair the waste around them. They have succeeded in obtaining the services of the Rev. Samuel Delano, who entered on his labors in May. He writes as follows: "Our church consists of 13 members; 6 males and 7 females. Within our borders there reside some 20 other persons, members of our church in its various branches. We have a Sabbath School at both houses of worship, for I preach at two houses alternately. One School is connected with the Methodist, the other is independent. They embrace not less than 100 children, besides an adult class in each. I have now preached here six Sabbaths, and find that I have a congregation at each house nearly distinct from the other, and together I preach to somewhat more than 300. I have begun the visiting of my parish, and found my way into about 40 families. I am always kindly received and have great encouragement in that work. I think there cannot be less than 150 families to which I shall have access. They are of every name and character."

Appropriation, \$100, from May 16, 1847.

HOOKSETT.

During the year a new house of worship has been erected, and is exclusively under the control of the church and society. Nothing of special interest has occurred. It was remarked in our last Report that this church had never enjoyed the services of any one minister more than a year at a time. This is still true. The last Missionary there left at the close of his commission. The church is again supplied for the present. Its number is now 24, having been increased by the addition of 10 by letter during the year. The number of Sabbath School pupils not reported. Last year it was 90. Contributed to Home Missions \$4.13, and to other objects about \$25.

Rev. JAMES W. PERKINS, Stated Supply. Appropriation, \$100, from June 1, 1847.

HUDSON.

"Our church and society affairs," says the pastor, "have all moved on pleasantly, so far as I know. Yet we have had no revival. Many choose not to hear the gospel, and some who are hearers are not doers of the word." The church embraces 27 males and 53 females; total 80. Of the whole number, 17 or 18 are non-residents. 12 have been dismissed; 1

and endeavoring to counteract gospel influences. Our Sabbath School was kept up during the winter, but it is not yet appreciated as it should be. The cause of temperance is but slowly, though we hope truly advancing." A Cent Society has been recently formed. The church numbers 10 males and 10 females; total, 20. Added by letter, 3; hopeful conversions, 1; Sabbath School pupils, 50. Last year's report. Contributed to Home Missions, \$10, and to other objects, \$11.00. Rev. Wm. H. Porter, Pastor. Appropriation, \$150, from Aug. 28, 1846.

MANCHESTER CITY.

The friends of morality and religion in this city, feeling that something ought to be done for the moral and spiritual benefit of the destitute population around them, of which there are at least 7000 in the city, raised a liberal subscription for the support of a City Missionary, and made application to the Society for aid in accomplishing their object. Accordingly the Rev. John L. Seymour was obtained and commissioned for this service. An extract from his first quarter's report will give a better idea of the nature and importance of the field he is laboring to cultivate, than any general description we can give.

"On the 14th of March, I commenced stated worship in a private hall, No. 37, Elm Street. The congregation, which then numbered only 25, now varies from 100 to 200, though not more than 70 or 80 can be regarded as constant attendants there. Sabbath evenings I preach alternately in Piscataquog and Amoskeag. About 100 attend at the former and 200 at the latter place."

In his letter of July 23 he says: "Two young persons have recently been to me with the enquiry, 'What must I do to be saved?' They are indulging a hope. Our Sabbath School has gathered over 100 scholars, many of them the children of Papists. The teachers, deeply interested in their work, have organized a Society, to clothe such as need, and have furnished aid to over 40. They are young men and women from the mills. My missionary calls amount to between six and seven hundred. I am generally well received. Between two and three hundred families, most of them previously without religious reading, have subscribed for the American Messenger. I have not visited one fourth of the families in the city, but have already gone over as large a field as I can cultivate to advantage."

In his quarterly report he says: "I have procured 4 subscribers for the Missionary Herald, furnished 4 destitute families with the Bible, and preached and lectured 42 times during the quarter."

"The following extract from my journal is a sample of my field of labor:
"April 21st. Visited 16 families, procured 13 subscribers for the American Messenger. Four only of the 16 families have any regular place of worship."

The church numbers 29 males and 34 females; total, 63. Dismissed 2. Congregation averages about 125. Sabbath School pupils 75. Contributed to Home Missions \$29, and to Foreign Missions \$28.

Rev. GILES LEACH, Pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Nov. 28, 1846.

MERRIMACK SOUTH

The Pastor of this church was dismissed the 1st of December, having been settled three years. What will be the result of things here, time must determine. At present, the prospect is gloomy.

The number in the church, according to last year's report, is 45, and 64 pupils in the Sabbath School. Contributed for Home Missions, \$30, and for Foreign, \$17.

Rev. JOHN W. SHEPARD, Pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Dec. 1, 1845.

NEW-CASTLE

In many respects prosperity has attended this church and people during the year. "Blessings rich, numerous and even spiritual," says the return of the Missionary, "have been poured upon this people. Continued efforts have been made to improve our place of worship. Much attention has been given to the religious instruction of the young. The Sabbath School is large and flourishing. The Assembly's Shorter Catechism has been used as a text book, and has been committed to memory by 41 pupils; an example worthy of the imitation of others in these days of danger to the purity of doctrine as held by our fathers."

The church embraces 9 males and 22 females; total 31. Died 2, and added 1 by letter. Sabbath School pupils 125, of which 16 are teachers. Contributed for Home Missions, \$00,00, and for Foreign, \$6,00.

Rev. LUCIUS ALDEN, Stated Supply. Appropriation, \$50, for six months from April 19, 1847.

NEW-MARKET.

The Pastor of this church was dismissed in February. The church has since been supplied, but has as yet received no further appropriation. No report.

Last year the church numbered 98 members, and the Sabbath School 105 pupils.

Rev. STEPHEN S. N. GREELY, Pastor. Appropriation, \$150, from Nov. 1, 1845.

NEW-MARKET SOUTH.

The Missionary here left at the close of his year in September. No report.

The church numbers 29. It has been destitute since its minister left.

Rev. DANIEL BOWEN, Stated Supply. Appropriation, \$120, from

the presence during the winter, in which 25 were hopefully born again, and having otherwise been highly favored of the Lord, they have relinquished their claim upon the society for aid we had promised them. A letter was received by the secretary, dated Somersworth, March 16, 1847, containing the following contents:

"Rev. & DEAR SIR:—The undersigned were appointed a committee to transmit to you the annexed vote of the First Congregational Church in Salmon Falls, and express to you their gratitude for the encouragement this promised aid has afforded them; in declining which you will please accept personally the assurance of our sympathy for the destitute not as highly favored by the Great Head of the Church.

Hoping that the time may soon come when we may be able to aid in extending to others encouragement as we have received, we are

Yours affectionately,

P. LAWTON,
WM. SYMES,
J. A. MERRIAM, } Committee.

At a recent meeting of the Congregational Church of Salmon Falls, it was unanimously voted, In view of the temporal prosperity which it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon this church and society since its organization—voted, that the committee appointed by the church, July 12, 1846, to solicit aid from the N. H. M. S. in supporting the preaching of the gospel in this village, and the sum of one hundred dollars having been appropriated for this object, be instructed to withdraw said petition, and respectfully to decline receiving the appropriation; ever holding sacred the duty, as far as in us lies, to support our minister and the ordinances of religion within and among ourselves."

Church numbers 14 males and 23 females; total 37. Added by profession, 15. By letter, 9. Dismissed, 1. Hopeful conversions, 25. Sabbath School attendants, 125. Contributed to benevolent objects, \$325.

Rev. SAMUEL J. SPAULDING, Pastor.

SANDWICH.

"The state of religion" says the Pastor, "is low. We have not more than one who may be called an enquirer. The cause of temperance among us looks a little more favorable than last year. The attendance on public worship with us is comparatively good; as good as at any former period since I have been in the place, considering our loss by emigration."

Church numbers 27 males and 55 females; total 82. Dismissed, 2. Sabbath School and Bible Class pupils, 85. Contributed for Home Missions, \$15,00, and for other objects, \$16,90. Association, \$100, from July 21,

Present number of the church, 11 males and 16 females; total, 27. Diminished during the year, 9. It has decreased nearly 20 members in two years. Sabbath School pupils, 50. Contributed for Home Missions, \$5.50.

Rev. Wm. P. Gale, Pastor. Appropriation, \$100, from Dec. 1, 1846.

TUFTONBOROUGH.

The Rev. JOHN S. WINTER, of Ossipee, was commissioned to labor eight weeks in this town, on condition the people would raise enough to employ him four weeks more. This condition has been complied with, and he has performed his mission. Mr. Winter held his meetings on the Sabbath at the Corner, where he says there was a good attendance. He reports nothing of any special interest.

The church numbers 35, about two thirds of whom are females. Two have been added by letter.

Appropriation, \$56, from July, 1846.

WAKEFIELD.

Our Missionary here is the only minister who has been in commission and has occupied the same field as a stated supply for the past ten or eleven years. The ministers of every other church on our list, one pastor excepted, have changed more or less during this period. He says in his return, "No special influences of the Holy Spirit have been enjoyed in this town or in the community around it, the last year, but it would be wrong to infer from this fact that the ordinances of religion have produced no good results." Attendance upon public worship is as good as it ever has been, both at the Corner, and at Union Village, six miles distant. At the former of these places our Missionary preaches three fourths of his time, and one fourth at the latter.

The church numbers 50; 16 males and 34 females. Of this number 16 are non-residents. Sabbath School and Bible Class pupils, 60. Congregation averages about 150. Contributed for Home Missions, \$23.75; for Foreign Missions, \$13.00.

Rev. NATHANIEL BARKER, Stated Supply. Appropriation, \$100, from July 24, 1846.

WASHINGTON.

There has been no material change in the affairs of this church and people during the year.

The church numbers 6 males and 30 females; total, 36. Added by letter, 1. Dismissed, 1. Sabbath School scholars, 100. Contributed for Home Missions, \$25. One young man preparing for the ministry.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

MISSIONARIES.

There have been in the employ of the Society for a part or whole of the year, 45 ministers of the gospel, viz. 21 pastors, 22 stated supplies, 1 as a missionary for a few weeks in Tuftonborough, and 1 as a permanent missionary to the destitute population in the city of Manchester. Two pastors have been dismissed, 5 stated supplies have changed their fields of labor, and 6 ministers have been commissioned who were not in the service of the Society last year.

CHURCHES.

The whole number of churches and congregations that have been under the patronage of the Society during the year, is 50, which is 3 more than were reported last year. Two churches, viz. Marlborough and Salmon Falls, have assumed the whole support of their ministers; two churches, viz. Kingston and North Haverhill, have been added to our list; six churches, viz. Deering, Farmington, Hooksett, New-Market, Paper Mill Village, and Salem, have changed their ministers, and four churches have become destitute during the year, viz. Surry, South New-Market, South Merrimack, and Goshen.

ADDITIONS, REMOVALS, &c.

The whole number of additions to the churches reported, is, by profession, 20, and by letter, 53; total, 73. The removals reported are, by death, 26, by letter of dismission, 41, and by exclusion, 7; total, 74. Net decrease, 1. The total number of communicants reported in 49 churches, is 2126.

ATTENDANCE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

In most cases the missionaries speak of an increase of attendance upon public worship, and of a more general interest in the preaching of the gospel.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In all the congregations there are Sabbath Schools, and in many of them Bible Classes, which are generally reported as flourishing, and exerting an important influence for good. The whole number of pupils in these Schools and Bible Classes, including all ages, is 3686.

TEMPERANCE.

From the representations which the Missionaries give of the temperance cause, we infer that it has, on the whole, maintained its ground; yet the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and the use of them in

FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION.

The ladies connected with this Institution are yearly rendering very important aid to the Society. The last Cent Report acknowledges receipts from 83 Cent Societies in the State, amounting to \$1525.50, which is \$91.19 in advance of the sum received from the same source the previous year.

PERMANENT FUND.

In accordance with a vote of the Trustees, passed at their last annual meeting, the note for \$500 against Isaac Hill has been collected and invested in Rail Road Stock.

The permanent fund is now invested as follows:

Twenty shares in Concord Rail Road. The par value of the whole is \$1000, but costing the Society	\$1090.00.
Legacy of Sherman Rossiter, in Claremont, in care of a trustee appointed by the legator,	
Note signed by Ossias Holmes and others, in	200.00.
Campton,	
Note signed by Luke A. Spofford,	206.37.
One slip in Cong. Meeting House at Stratham,	250.00.
On hand,	50.00.
	14.00.
	<hr/> \$1810.37.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The great work in which the National Society is engaged has already been called into the field 972 ministers of the Gospel, who are laboring among our feeble, destitute population in almost every state and territory of the Union. During the missionary year closing in May, these preachers of righteousness had administered to 1470 different congregations, and they had gathered into the churches under their care 1980 on profession, and 2420 by letter; in all 4400. But this is not all. Wherever the gospel is statedly preached, there the other means of grace, and of moral and social improvement, usually accompanying a preached gospel, are also enjoyed. Accordingly we learn that there are no less than 73000 pupils in the Sabbath Schools under the supervision of the Missionaries, and about 97000 persons on the missionary ground pledged to total abstinence from all that intoxicates.

It was the desire and purpose of the Executive Committee, at the commencement of the year, to send out to the West at least 100 additional laborers. This number, though nothing like an adequate supply for the opening fields of that great country, many hearts prayed might go. But only 32 of this number

working so well, is suddenly stopped, and a doubtful experiment must be once more made with its powers.

Within a period of ten years there have been as many as one hundred and twenty changes in the ministry upon the Home Missionary field in this State. Among those ministers who were in commission at the commencement of this period, there are only two remaining who have administered to the same church and people. One is a pastor and the other is a stated supply. All the rest of the churches now under missionary patronage have shifted their spiritual guides from once to six times each. How large a proportion of the funds expended upon these churches have failed to accomplish the good designed, in consequence of this instability of the ministerial office, we know not; but we have seen enough of such instability to warrant the conviction that we almost labor in vain to build up our desolations, without a permanent and unchanging administration of the means of grace. We may, it is true, misapprehend the real causes that affect the prosperity of the feeble churches; but it is a fact worthy of notice that those churches that have become able and willing to support the gospel themselves, have belonged to the class that have been blessed with the greatest degree of permanency in the ministry. When the pastoral relation is endeared to the people by the requisite qualifications of the incumbent, a sudden disruption of its ties, especially if the people sustain no responsibility in the matter, seldom fails to be followed with evil to their whole interest. We now have churches upon our list, that were for a time with special effort able to sustain the gospel themselves, and would be still able to do it, were it not for the adversity they have suffered through the influence of this cause. We enquire not into the philosophy of this influence, nor do we bring accusation against the parties concerned. We only allude to the fluctuating state of the ministry as a fact which has more or less to do in retarding the progress of our work.

It may not be improper in this connection to notice the number of ministerial changes throughout the State. Within the time before mentioned, the pastoral relation has been created about one hundred and thirty-five times, and dissolved about one hundred times. There have also been about eighty changes among those ministers who have labored as stated supplies by the year. The number now holding the pastoral office in the State is 110, whose aggregate time of settlement is about 1100 years, which is an average of 10 years each. The longest time any one minister has been settled, is 46 years.* There are only 3 who have been settled 40 years and upwards, 4 have been settled between 30 and 40 years, 6 have been settled between 20 and 30 years, 25 have been settled between 10 and 20 years, and 70 have been settled from 1 to 10 years each. Death, disease, and many things providential, are constantly ef-

the expense of the other. Both should be viewed in their relative and reciprocal relations, and our interest in each should be proportioned to its separate and independent merits.

But in order to get some idea of the need of Home Missions in New-England, we should consider the feeble condition of many of the churches, so far as it is indicated by the number of communicants they individually contain. As a general fact, a church that contains less than one hundred members, is either a missionary church or may be. Of the 433 churches in Massachusetts, 57 are dependent upon charity for the enjoyment of a preached gospel, and 129 contain less than 100 members each. In Connecticut there are 257 churches, of which 48 are aided in the support of the ministry, and 60 contain less than 100 members each. In Rhode-Island there are 19 churches, of which 7 are aided, and 9 contain less than 100 members each. In Maine there are 218 churches, of which about 112 are aided, and 138 contain less than 100 members each. In New-Hampshire there are 187 churches, of which 50 are beneficiaries, and 98 contain less than 100 members each; and in Vermont there are 202 churches, of which 41 are aided, and 122 contain less than 100 members each. The whole number of Congregational and Presbyterian churches in New-England is 1316, of which 315 are feeble, and receive assistance in the support of the ministry. This is nearly one fourth of the whole. The churches that contain less than 100 members each, number 556; almost one half of the whole. They contain about 32,000 communicants; nearly half as many as there are in all of the churches in Massachusetts. The average number of members in these churches is 57. More than three fifths of all the churches in New-England are either aided by the local State Missionary Societies, or may soon be reduced to the necessity of resorting to these Societies to save themselves from discouragement and extinction. Besides the churches already receiving aid, we have at least 240 churches in New-England, averaging less than 60 members each. Some of these churches are destitute, and for that reason are not reckoned among the beneficiaries. Others are favored in Providence with the preaching of the gospel at an expense much below the standard of adequate support; and all, or nearly all of them are exposed, by reason of death, emigration, or other adverse providences, to the necessity of supplicating the charities of their more able brethren.

In connection with these facts, it should be remembered also that there are yet numerous towns and places in New-England in which there are no churches of our faith, and which are very poorly supplied with the means of evangelical instruction of any kind. Now, we ask, when are these dark and dismal moral wastes of our territory to be visited by the blessed influences of true religion? We know not when, but where is hope in their behalf except through the agency of Home Missions? Should New-England, as a field of Home Missionary effort, be abandoned, or receive but a

pects, and their remaining sires and brethren are left to discouragement and grief. But they have, we would trust, carried with them their moral principles and their religious characters, and, in common with their fellow christians from other communities, are laying the foundations of virtue and religion amidst new relations and influences, and thus they may do more towards saving the nation and the world, than they could have done upon the soil of their nativity.

If we look simply to the numerical and pecuniary growth of these churches, as the chief result of our labors, we may find little to encourage us. But if the gospel had never been preached to the communities in which they are located, what evidence have we that these churches would have existed? What would have been the moral and spiritual condition of those that now compose them, and of those who have gone out from them? What though they are still unable to lean upon their own arm for support? Shall we abandon them because they are still the Lord's poor? Have we not evidence enough of good already accomplished, to make us rejoice and be glad that they have had the gospel preached unto them? On every missionary field in the State there are children and youth springing into manhood, who will also need the instructions of the Sabbath School, and the hallowed restraints of the sanctuary, to prepare them to be useful and happy in their generation. They, too, may emigrate. Let us, then, labor on to repair the old wastes of New-Hampshire, for God will yet honor his own institutions in the salvation of men.

CONCLUSION.

In contemplating the necessities of the great Home Missionary Work, we are constrained to enquire: Have we faith in the moral power of a preached gospel? Do we really believe that according to the voice of Him who cried in the wilderness, it is only that by which "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain?" Since the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, do we believe that "his glory shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together?" How can we read the word of God, how can we reflect upon the history of human progress in moral and spiritual things, and have confidence in any other means for the salvation of men? God will overrule all things for his own glory. Even the worst devices and actions of men he will make praise him; but he has promised his people no success if they rely upon any achievements of human strength or intellect to promote the common happiness of the nation. The gory triumphs of armies, schemes of national finance and improvement, legal guarantees of rights and liberty, or the products of genius, are as powerless for national as for individual regeneration. If we exalt any of these to the place of moral influence assigned by God to the preaching of Christ crucified, we do dishonor to divine wisdom, and bring a reproach upon the

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr. **SAMUEL FARRINGTON** in acc't with the **NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,** Cr.

To paid Missionaries,	\$4,210.67	By Balance on hand, Sept. 4, 1846,	\$977.09
" American Home Missionary Society,	749.16	" Donations, collections and legacies,	5,094.78
" B. F. Stone, on account of salary,	345.00	" Receipt of Permanent Fund,	804.00
" " " travelling expenses, sta-	60.74	" Note against O. Pearson paid,	73.00
" " " " "	40.00	" Income of Permanent Fund,	148.89
" " " " "	430.00		
Treasurer's salary,			
" Permanent fund,			
" Merrill, Slisby & Co. for printing 1000 annual reports	90.37		
" of N. H. M. S. and 3000 annual reports of the Cent	78.00		
" Institution,	5.25		
" paid by O. Pearson,	5.05		
" incidental expenses,			
" counterfeit money,			
	\$6,073.34		
	729.52		
	<u>\$6,802.76</u>		
on hand carried to new account,			
			\$6,802.76

This certifies that I have examined the above account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer seven hundred and twenty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents.

H. A. NEWHALL, Auditor.
Concord, Sept. 1, 1847.

- Concord, East*—Congregational church and society, 13-17; Deacon John Eastman, life member, 5-00; Rev. Winthrop Fifield, in part to constitute his son, Charles W., life member, 5-00;
- Concord, South*—Congregational church and society, 15-53; Mrs. Mary Farrington, life member, 5-00; Samuel Farrington, in part to constitute his wife, Mrs. Martha, life member, 5-00; Rev. Benj. P. Stone, in part to constitute his son, George W., life member, 5-00; Mrs. Benjamin P. Stone, life member, 5-00;
- Concord, West*—Congregational church and society, 20-55; Rev. A. P. Tenney, in part to constitute his son, Asa P., jr., life member, 5-00;
- Derry*—Presbyterian church and society, 40-00; for the A. H. M. S., 75-00;
- Dover*—Nehemiah Choate, in part, life member, 10-00;
- Dublin*—Congregational church and society, 25-55
- Dunbarton*—Congregational church and society, 125-00
- Durham*—Congregational church and society, 104-00
- Eader*—2d Congregational church and society, 4-90
- Epping*—Congregational church and society, 13-03
- Fitzwilliam*—Congregational church and society, 25-50
- Franceville*—Congregational church and society, 41-50
- Guilford, Conn.*—Legacy of Mrs. Mary Gordon, daughter, Martha H. Root, life member, 6-00
- Gilmanton*—1st Congregational church and society, for the A. H. M. S., 30-00
- "* Iron Works—Congregational church and society, 9-10; also, 4-00
- Gileam*—Ladies of Congregational church and society, 12-10
- Goffstown*—Congregational church and society, 9-00
- Goshen*—Congregational church and society, 18-10
- Groton*—Parker Blood, for A. H. M. S., 5-92
- Hampton*—Congregational church and society, 1-00
- Hampstead*—Congregational church and society, 25-00
- Hancock*—Congregational church and society, 21-55; Joseph Hill, annual subscriber, 2-00; 15-00
- Harrsville*—Congregational church and society, 15-85; do. for Milan Harris, life member, 5-05; 23-55
- Haverhill*—Congregational church and society, 23-00; Mrs. Elizabeth Levrett, to constitute Dea. A. R. Merrill life member of the A. H. M. S., 30-00; an aged friend, to constitute his children, Mrs. Miriam S. Ladd and Mrs. Ann W. Morse, life members, 60-00; 20-90
- Henniker*—Congregational church and society, 3-38; a friend, 5-00; Abel Connor, 10-00; 113-00
- Hill*—Congregational church and society, 18-28
- Hillsborough Bridge*—Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Dea. Dawson Russell life member, 14-00; do. for A. H. M. S., 1-00; 4-70
- Hillsborough Centre*—Congregational church and society, 15-00
- Hinsdale*—Congregational church and society, 2-65
- Hoolsett*—Benevolent Association, 20-00
- Hollis*—Benevolent Association, 4-13
- Hopkinton*—Congregational church and society, Sept., 1846, 13-71; do. tion, 45-20; Charles Kingsbury, 1-00; Mrs. Mary T. Monthly Concert, 38-99
- Keene*—Congregational church and society, 15-12; Gentlemen's Association, 5-00; Lorin Frost, life member, 3-00; Monthly Concert, 3-00

<i>Ridge</i> —Young Men's Benevolent Society, 29-15; Female Auxiliary Home Missionary Society, 27-12; Mrs. Cynthia H. Brown, to constitute Mrs. Ezra Scollay life member of A. H. M. S., 30-00; also, Mrs. Brown, for the A. H. M. S., 10-00; J. B. Breed, life member, 20-00; church, on communion occasion, 18-00;	
<i>Ridgely</i> —Congregational church and society,	134-27
<i>Rye</i> —Congregational church,	5-07
<i>Salem</i> —Monthly Concert,	0-44
<i>Salisbury</i> —Congregational church and society,	5-00
<i>Santorton</i> —Congregational church and society, Oct., 8-69, Aug., 16-04;	11-65
Dea. Moses Emery, annual subscriber, 2-00;	
<i>Santorton Bridge</i> —Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Jeremiah Tilton life member,	26-73
<i>Sandwich, North</i> —Congregational church and society,	15-00
<i>Sandwich, South</i> —Congregational church and society,	5-75
<i>Sullivan</i> —Congregational church and society,	15-00
<i>Swansey</i> —Cong. Church and Society, 8-25; Mrs. Rebecca Williams, 5-00; Rev. E. Rockwood, in full to constitute his son, William O. Rockwood, of Madison City, Indiana, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 15-00; legacy of Dea. Joseph Dickinson, for the A. H. M. S., 15-00; Miss Calista Dickinson, Miss Mary Dickinson, and Luther Dickinson, 1-00 each for the A. H. M. S.,	46-35
<i>Seabrook & Hampton Falls</i> } Cong. Church and Society, in part to constitute Asa } G. Abbott L. M., 5-00; collection, 20-00;	25-00
<i>Stratham</i> —Congregational church and society,	15-00
<i>Temple</i> —Congregational church and society; Oct., 31-44; May, 63-16, to constitute Rev. Walter and Mrs. Mary Follet L. M's. of A. H. M. S.,	
<i>Tewksbury, Mass.</i> —Rev. Moses Kimball, in full to constitute his wife L. M.,	94-60
<i>Thornton</i> —Congregational church and society,	5-00
<i>Troy</i> —Monthly concert, 16-50; Ladies' H. M. S., 16-58, both to constitute Mrs. L. M. Townsend L. M.,	5-50
<i>Wakefield</i> —Congregational church and society,	34-08
<i>Walpole</i> —Congregational church and society, 13-53; Monthly Concert, 4-07; Miss Rebecca Sparhawk, L. M., 5-00;	12-50
<i>Warner</i> —Rev. R. W. Fuller, annual subscriber,	22-60
<i>Washington</i> —Congregational church and society,	2-00
<i>Winchester</i> —Ladies' H. M. S., in part to constitute Rev. Mr. Humphrey Life Director of A. H. M. S., 40-00; Mrs. Henry Kingman, 10-00, L. M. of A. H. M. S.,	13-00
<i>Westmoreland</i> —Congregational church and society, to constitute Mrs. Lucy Rogers L. M.,	50-00
<i>Windham</i> —Presbyterian society, 30-53; Mrs. Warner, 10-00; avails of gold beads, by Mrs. Warner, 3-10,	44-77
<i>Wolfeborough</i> —Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Rev. J. Hall L. M.,	43-63
	8-12

MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.

Balance on hand Sept. 4, 1846,	\$977-09
A friend, to constitute C. B. L. a L. M.,	5-00
New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution,	1519-19
On note against Isaac Hill, belonging to permanent fund,	500-00
Received of the permanent fund,	4-00
On note against O. Pearson,	78-00
Interest on O. Pearson's note.	5-60

<i>Lebanon</i> —Miss Abigail C. Ela,	
<i>Derry</i> —Presbyterian Society, ladies,	
<i>Grayton</i> —A friend,	
<i>Hanover</i> —Various collections,	10 00
<i>Wilton</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	3 00
<i>Bedford</i> —A donation paid into the treasury of M. H. M. S.,	5 00
<i>Mason</i> —A legacy paid into the treasury of M. H. M. S.,	79 20
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	152 32

Total amount devoted to Home Missions in the State, \$728 84
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<i>Troy</i> —Mrs. Lydia Knight, to be expended in the purchase of Testaments for the poor,	
<i>Derry</i> —First Congregational Church and Society,	\$10 00
<i>Penbrooke</i> —Mrs. James Harris, L. M.,	34 00
<i>Grayton</i> —Daniel Cummings, in part to constitute his wife a L. M.,	5 00
<i>Hanover</i> —Mrs. Frances Moody,	21 99
<i>Merrimack</i> —Congregational Church and Society,	5 00
<i>Mont Vernon</i> —A. Starrett, 10 00; Mrs. E. A. Starrett, 20 00; Dea. J. Hampton—Gentlemen's Association,	1 00
<i>North Hampton</i> —Mrs. Sarah Brown,	30 33
<i>Stratham</i> —Mrs. Sarah Brown,	40 00
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*** We have begun to correct the foregoing list this year, but there are doubtless yet many inaccuracies in names and residences, which we shall be happy to correct in the next Report, so far as they shall be made known in season.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

With grateful acknowledgments to God for his favor through another year, the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society would now present to this audience their *Forty-Seventh Annual Report*.

TABULAR VIEW.

The following table contains an alphabetical list of the churches and congregations aided during the year, the name of each missionary, the dates and length of commission, the amount appropriated to each church, the usual statistics of the churches, and general remarks.

REMARKS.

1. Increased congregation on the Sabbath ; more hopeful state of things.— Measures taken to establish an academy. As this people become more and more accustomed to the regular institutions of religion, it is hoped they will be able and willing to make more effort.
2. New house of worship built—furnished with a bell, the donation of a friend. Much external improvement.
3. There is some reason to hope that this church will not always be dependent upon the Missionary Society. The changing character of the population is unfavorable to rapid increase of strength.
4. Mr. E. labors one half of his time in Franconia. No apparent change during the year.
5. Mr. Goodhue has been settled as pastor. Things more promising. Thirty-six of the church, viz. 16 males and 20 females, are non-resident.
6. "So far as the externals of religion are concerned, we may be said to be in a prosperous condition." Their place of worship has become too small for the congregation.
7. Nothing of special interest reported.
8. "We are enjoying," says the pastor, "our accustomed prosperity."
9. Attendance on public worship better than two years previous. The cause of temperance unpromising. Church has been in existence ten years. Original number, 11. Since added, 35 by profession and 26 by letter; total, 50. "The providences of God," says the pastor, "have been favorable among us through the year."
10. This extensive missionary field, after a lapse of several years, has again been occupied. Mr. Hill reports some encouragement, but there are many obstacles to overcome. There are two Sabbath Schools.
11. Mr. M. devotes one half of his time to the church in Whitefield. Prospects rather gloomy.
12. There is some want of harmony in this church, which may be a serious obstacle to their progress. No special good thing reported.
13. The missionary is not now in commission. The last appropriation was made on condition that the same amount be contributed by them to our funds. As this church and society possess more ability than many others who support the gospel themselves, we trust they will soon see the propriety of not asking for charity.
14. An increase of liberality and attendants upon Sabbath School instruction is reported. Twelve of the church are nonresidents.
15. Enfield is full of people, but not yet full of holiness. Mr. Burge left last October, on account of his health. He may return. The ways of Zion mourn.
16. Mr. C. closed his labors here the first of June. Efforts making for a re-supply. Last year's statistics.
17. The report gave : "There is reason to rejoice that, morally, things are so

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24. This church has diminished 18 by deaths and removals in three years. At present a dark cloud hangs over its prospects. It is very feeble and dependent. The Lord only can cause Jacob to arise.
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26. Mr. Fletcher left at the close of his commission. The church has since settled a pastor, and has assumed his whole support. Its prospects are brightening.
27. More attend public worship than ever before. A serious attention to the word preached.
28. No visible change. Congregation some larger.
29. This church has settled a pastor and remodelled their meeting-house.—Many obstacles oppose the cause of truth here.
30. The mission in this city has been suspended for the present. Efforts are making to erect a Mission Chapel. About \$800 have been collected for the object.
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35. Mr. C. performed a mission of six weeks in this place last spring. He visited many families and was kindly received. Much interest was awakened to secure the stated ministrations of the gospel.
36. "The character of the church, I should think," says Mr. A., "stands rather fairer with the world than it did." More interest in the Sabbath School than formerly.
37. No loss of interest during the year. An interesting Bible Class. The cause of temperance holds its own.
38. The traffic and use of intoxicating drinks imposes the greatest obstacle to the moral and spiritual progress of this people. We trust the time is not far distant when this evil will be removed. In other respects there is some more encouragement.
39. "As to morals and the state of religion," says the report, "they are much as last year." There is much desecration of the Sabbath in this region.
40. This church enjoys the labors of Mr. H. a portion of the time. The two churches receive one appropriation and constitute one missionary field.
41. "For several years," says the report, "we have been called upon to chronicle only those gradual changes which show that the fashion of this world passeth away. There is much moral darkness in the region of this little light."
42. Mr. R. labors here one half of the time—the other half in Gilead, Me. He says, "The strong prejudices once existing against the *standing order*, have almost entirely disappeared." There is, then, hope that the truth will prevail.
43. The attendance upon public worship and the prospects for the support of the gospel are more encouraging.
44. Mr. Winter died last winter. No report of his labors has been received.
45. A parsonage has been purchased. Mr. B. preaches three fourths of his time at the Corner and one fourth at Union Village. One young man preparing for the ministry. This church has been much weakened in past years by removals.
46. "I am happy," says Mr. G., "in being able to say that the prospects of this Society in many respects look more encouraging than at any previous time since the commencement of my labors here." Most of the adults in the congregation are in the Sabbath School.
47. Mr. M. labors one half of the time in Dalton. He reports no special encouragement.
48. This church and Andover constitute one missionary field. The people are more awake to improvement.
49. Old prejudices are giving away, and the hope of improvement has a stronger foundation.
50. Mr. D. closed his labors here in April. During the five years he has been in commission in this field, eight were added to the church by profession and three by letter, and ten infants were baptized. The church is now destitute.

RELIGIOUS READING.

In nearly all the congregations aided, religious publications, such as those of the Tract Society, the Well Spring, Day Spring, the Missionary Herald, the Home Missionary, and the religious newspapers, are circulated, and thus much important auxiliary influence contributed to that of the ministry.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Nearly all of the churches have done something to bless others with the same means of spiritual life with which they themselves have been favored. During the year they have contributed \$734,11 for Home Missions, and \$1121,81 to other objects of benevolence; total, \$1855,92, which is \$216,42 more than they contributed last year, and \$651,32 more than they have contributed since 1844. They have returned into the treasury of the Lord about 40 per cent. upon the amount expended for their benefit.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Though it is painful to review another year of our Missionary history, without being able to record even one instance of the special work of the Holy Spirit, yet we have gratifying evidence that the means of grace have not been enjoyed by our feeble churches entirely in vain. The missionaries report 21 individuals who have been hopefully converted to Christ during the year. The increasing attention upon public worship, so frequently spoken of in the reports, together with the almost universal peace and harmony of the churches, should encourage us to wait on the Lord for a more cheering display of his grace. Yet we should not forget that there are many serious obstacles to oppose our work,—all having the same common source, the depravity of the human heart; and that the only might that can overcome them is that which is omnipotent and divine.

THE TREASURY.

The balance on hand at the close of the Treasurer's account, Sept. 1st, was \$734,37. There have been received since, \$5483,18,* which is an advance of \$239,51 upon the receipts of the previous year. Of this sum, \$516,26 were directed by the donors to the American Home Missionary Society. The total resources of the Society, including the balance on hand, have been \$6217,75. In November the Trustees appropriated \$500 of surplus funds to the Parent Society. Besides, there have passed directly to New-York, \$1509 for the year ending August 1, from individuals and churches in the State, making the whole amount devoted to the National Society, including \$1110 in legacies, \$2525,26. The whole sum thus raised

* This is the audited account from Sept. 1, to Aug. 24th. The receipts reported at the Anniversary were for the year closing at that time. They amounted to \$5810,93, which were \$577,80 more than the year before.

THE TWO-THIRDS RULE.

For many years the Trustees required no other evidence that the churches applying for aid were actually needy of the aid sought, than their own declaration of poverty. But experience taught them the length that such a declaration, however honestly made, was not a sufficient guarantee to the public that the charity committed to their trust would be expended upon worthy objects. To obviate, as far as possible, the liability of a mistake in the disposition of the funds, the Trustees adopted a certain standard of personal effort, upon which the applicants must come before they could be considered as having a claim, on the score of poverty, to pecuniary assistance. This standard was fixed at one per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property,—that is, ten dollars on a thousand; but it was subsequently reduced to two-thirds of one per cent.—that is, six dollars and sixty-seven cents on a thousand. Since 1843 the rule of the Society has been published in the following language: "No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least two-thirds of one per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property; that is, \$6.67 on \$1000."

As applications for aid are sometimes received from churches and societies whose personal efforts fall below this rule, the Trustees, at their semi-annual meeting in June last, voted to adhere to it in all cases. Some defence of our rule, therefore, seems necessary on this occasion, that the subject may be understood by the patrons of this Society, and especially that unsuccessful applicants for aid may see that they have no just ground of complaint.

1st. The degree of self-exertion required by this rule is not unreasonable,—is not oppressive. This is evident from the fact that many of our feeble churches do more for themselves than this rule, as a minimum standard, would require. About half of the feeble churches disburse from three-fourths of one per cent. to one per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property. In more than one instance they reach two per cent. The average amount of ratable property reported by forty-four feeble churches is \$15,000. The largest amount possessed by any one church is \$32,260; the lowest is \$3,380. These forty-four churches pay the gross sum for the support of the gospel of \$5,285, which, on an average, is \$120 raised by each church, or a little more than three-fourths of one per cent.—that is, \$7.50 on one thousand dollars.

The Missionary Society of a neighboring State has adopted one per cent. on the dollar as their minimum standard of personal effort required of feeble churches. Fifty-five churches in that State pay on an average for the support of the ministry, one and one-seventh of one per cent.; that is, about \$11.42 on \$1000. These facts are presented to show that our rule of two-thirds of one per cent. is not hard or unreasonable.

2d. Were we to make exceptions, the exceptions would become the

5th. A large proportion of the funds of this Society is contributed by those who are of moderate means, even by many who are themselves poor. Many a widow, servant-maid, and mother, who scarcely have where to lay their own heads, are constrained, by the love of their divine Master, to contribute their one cent a week to this cause. They do it cheerfully, but not without self-denial; a self-denial more valuable to them than the wealth of India. When instances of self-denying charity come to our knowledge, like that of the pious widow, whose aged and feeble limbs are accustomed to carry her a long mile to the house of God on the Sabbath, and whose wanderings in the field have been frequent to gather the wild berry for the market, that she might procure her one cent a week for the treasury of the Lord, we feel that it would be a cruel perversion of her mite to give it to those who do not need it.

6th. Though our Society has no direct supervision of any part of the great Home Missionary field, beyond the limits of this State, yet much of our funds are contributed for the benefit of the cause in our common country. The relations of the Eastern and Western sections of the Union have become so intimate and so important, with respect to those great movements and influences which have a bearing upon the moral and spiritual welfare of the republic, that the evangelical effort here is not as exclusive and isolated as it once was. The time has come when all such effort *must* be more general and national—extending its influence to the remotest corners of the land, and telling on the destinies of the nation. What, then, shall we do? With yet numerous waste places, and feeble, perishing churches, scattered over our ancient hills and valleys, and with villages, towns, territories and states springing into being, as if by magic, on the American soil, from which swells louder and louder the daily cry, "Come over and help us," shall we exhaust our scanty means upon those whose souls have never been blessed with the spirit of sacrifice? Shall we turn a deaf ear to the dying groans wafted on every western breeze, and listen to the importunities of those whose necessities have no reality? What though a parish or a church, having the ability but not the disposition to bear its own burdens, should become desolate in consequence of failing to receive the aid they sought? So be it. The Missionary Society should not be held responsible for such a result,—a result quite as certain to follow the influence of pampered selfishness. Better that we should have one desolation than two. As often as the experiment might be made of elevating a people to a higher standard of morals and piety, and to a state of voluntary independence, by granting them relief from any amount of personal sacrifice which they are able and ought to bear, so often, it might be predicted, would expectation be met by "hope deferred." We cannot, therefore, worse than defeat the holy purposes of the Home Missionary enterprise by turning the stream of its charities, made sacred by self-denial and prayer, into fields whose

about withdrawing aid from three or four feeble churches, for every missionary employed. While there are 50 churches drawing on our treasury from \$50 to \$150 each, what is the duty the Missionary Society owes to its patrons and to the cause of Christ in the land? Shall it abandon them, and go into the itinerant system? It cannot prosecute both the itinerant and permanent system at the same time, unless its resources are greatly increased. It is the truth, of which the conductors of this enterprise are as fully convinced as others, that the only hope that many extensive regions of moral wastes in this State will ever be cultivated and added to the garden of the Lord by the labors of an appropriate, apostolic ministry, is suspended upon the Missionary Society. The whole question, then, turns on this issue, Will the means be furnished? The decision of this question concerns not so much the Missionary Society as it does every friend of Christ, and patron of this cause; especially, every one who has contributed little or nothing to its support, commensurate with his obligations.

GENERAL INFLUENCE OF HOME MISSIONS IN THIS STATE.

To speak in detail of all the good that has been accomplished for the last forty-seven years by this Society, would be a task beyond our ability. We cannot tell how much ignorance and barbarism have been removed or prevented, nor how many fountains of vice and corruption have been dried up by the influence of an educated ministry. And were we to attempt a description of all the fatal errors and delusions that have been dissipated by the truths of a preached gospel,—of the many souls that have been converted to God by his blessing upon the means of grace,—of the many sorrows and afflictions that have been assuaged by the presence of the sympathizing servants of Christ, and of the many death-beds that have, by the same agency, been divested of terror, it would be equally in vain. It is only in generals that we can speak. As we look over the State, we everywhere discover the pathways of this Society's movements. Wherever a church has been gathered or saved from extinction, and wherever the ordinances of the gospel have been maintained under the auspices of this Society, there the lamp of truth has been constantly burning, and its light has saved the community from being enveloped in worse than Egyptian darkness. Now, contemplate the fact that these lights are shining from every point of the compass all over the State, what, think you, would have been our moral and religious condition, had they never been kindled? and what would it soon become, were they all now to be extinguished?

There are not a few towns and parishes in the State, more or less favored with religious order and privilege, in which it is believed that these lights have been kindled, and are now burning brightly.

ics for no utopian theories or schemes of human improvement, which will not bear the test of experiment. It is thus that he reasons. The only conservative power that can protect our nation from ruin is in the gospel,—not a gospel to be read in the letter merely, though it be sought in the inspired volume, but a gospel promulgated by the living voice,—a gospel brought home to the hearts and consciences of the people, according to the mandate of its divine Author. This is demonstrated by the moral history of the race. The sneering skeptic, the hater of religious restraint, and the selfish philanthropist, may treat the devices of the christian philanthropist with scorn; yet it is the plainest deduction of common reason, that no social edifice can stand which is not based upon a popular virtue. Having no eye to discern the heavenly source of this virtue, all their searches after it are vain. Some seek it in patriotism; some in education; some in socialism, and some in good government; but what are these, when there is no religious principle to influence the passions of the people? Love of country, without love of men, is a misnomer. It is nothing more than love of place,—a local attachment,—the result of early associations; and, though useful to a certain extent, is destitute of every christian element, and for that reason is no reliable source of national virtue. The people may be educated and intelligent, but they will not, necessarily, be virtuous. Character improved by education and knowledge is only intellectual and external. The moral and internal man may be as depraved and degraded as ever. The bias of the heart, still unrestrained, and retaining all its native vigor, is only guided by the wisdom of the head, with more certainty of accomplishing its purposes of evil. Socialism, being the offspring of the infidel and transcendental philosophy of the age, is too impractical and foolish to deserve the respect of a sober confutation. The hasty failure of almost all of its primitive experiments, is a sufficient proof that it is not of God, and is unworthy a place among devices for national good. Neither can we look for this virtue to good government with any better success. Good government is the effect, and not the cause, of this virtue. It is reserved, then, for the christian patriot to discern the true source of our country's continuance and happiness. And he has found it in that Charter of rights and privileges long ago granted in the court of Heaven. This Charter can never be altered or amended. There it is, solemnly enacted for the government of the whole human family, whether individuals, or nations: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Who, what grantee named in this instrument, will not weep over the miseries that have come on the nations that have contemptuously violated its provisions, and trampled it in the dust? And, as we hear to-day the crashing of thrones and dominions, and behold the distracted millions of the old world suffering the righteous penalty of forgetting God, shall we not take warning, and haste to save ourselves from an appalling? The pro-

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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SAMUEL FARRINGTON WITH THE IN ACCOUNT NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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To paid feeble churches and missionaries,	\$3711.06	By balance on hand September 1, 1847,	\$724.57
To paid American Home Missionary Society,	300.00	By donations, collections and legacies,	
To paid B. P. Stone's salary for three quarters,	55.99	By income of Permanent Fund,	17
To paid B. P. Stone's salary for three quarters, postage and	40.00		
To paid " " travelling expenses,	96.88		
To paid " " travelling expenses,	2.25		
To paid stationer's salary,	2.50		
To paid Treasurer's salary, printing certificates,	10.00		
To paid Asa McFarland, for printing certificates,	10.00		
To paid " " for freight on Home Missionary,	10.00		
To paid A. Kingsbury, for freight on Home Missionary,	4.00		
To paid freight and incidentals,	7.50		
To paid B. P. Stone, for purchase Testaments, Reports,	1053.18		
To paid E. J. Lane, for printing Stratford Co. Reports,			
To paid Counterfeit money,			
Balance on hand carried to new account,	\$6217.75		

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I have this day examined the account of Samuel Farrington, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and find it correct and well vouched, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer one thousand fifty-three dollars and no cents.

H. A. NEWBERRY, Auditor.

\$80; George Hutchins, in part for his wife L. M., 500;	
Caleb Parker, in part for his wife L. M., 300; Rev. D. J.	
Boyes, in part for his son Samuel, 500; Rev. Benjamin P.	
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part for his wife L. M., 500; Mrs. Mary Farrington, in	
part L. M., 500; Mrs. S. Pratt L. M., 3000;	
West—Congregational church and society, 1976; Rev. Asa P.	11813
Tenney, for son Asa P., jr., 500; Henry Rolfe, in part L.	
M., 1000; Mrs. Henry Rolfe, 200;	
East—Congregational church and society, 1404; Rev. Winthrop	3675
Fifield, in part for son Charles W., L. M., 500;	
Hyden—Congregational church and society,	1904
Presbyterian church and society, 4000; do. for the A. H. M. S.,	1208
7500; Nehemiah Choate, L. M. in part, 1000;	
Congregational church and society, 3300; Dea. James Perkins,	12500
in part L. M., 500; last year's collection, 3400; Mrs. Jane	
Harris, L. M. in part, 500;	
ering—Congregational church and society,	7700
over—Congregational church and society,	4000
ublin—Congregational church and society,	10332
wham—Congregational church and society,	1177
eder—1st Congregational church and society,	3684
eder—2d Congregational church and society,	968
itawilliam—Congregational church and society,	3952
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rancetown—Congregational church and society,	3125
Congregational church and society, 3652; Mrs. Lydia	
Butterfield, 200;	3852
Wilmanton Iron Works—Congregational church and society,	900
Great Falls—Congregational church and society,	3424
raton—Daniel Cummings, in part for his wife Lois,	1000
Hampton—Congregational church and society, 1884; do. for the A. H.	
M. S., 500;	2384
Harrook—Congregational church and society, 1600; Joseph Hill, annual	
subscription, 200;	1800
Harrook—Elizabeth Douglass,	200
Harrook—Congregational church and society,	3006
Harrook—Congregational church and society, 1887; Milan Harris, for	
A. H. M. S., L. M., 300;	1887
Henniker—Congregational church and society, 5568; do. for the A. H.	
M. S., 100;	5688
Hill—Mrs. Mary Shaw, to constitute Mrs. Ruth F. Abrams L. M. of A.	
H. M. S.,	3000
Hillsboro' Bridge—Congregational church and society, in part for Mrs.	
Abigail Baxter L. M.,	814
Hillsboro' Center—Congregational church, 22; do. in part to constitute	
—L. M., 500; do. for the A. H. M. S., 400;	922
Hinsdale—Congregational church and society, 2600; Rev. Moses Ger-	
ould, in full to constitute E. Gerould Fry, of New-Alstead,	
L. M. 1000;	3600
Hooksett—Congregational church and society, 800; a friend, for the A.	
H. M. S., 500;	1300
Hollis—Congregational church and society, Monthly Concert, to consti-	
tute Dea. Aaron Hardy L. M.,	4000
Hopkinton—Congregational church, 25; N. Patch, 250; constitute Rev.	275
Jaffrey—Congregational church and society, in part 10	2656

<i>Salem Bridge</i> —Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Jeremiah Tilton L. M.; also, in part to constitute Dea. E. M. Hall L. M.,	22-00 18-95
<i>Salem Square</i> —Congregational church and society,	22-00
<i>Seabrook</i> & — } Congregational church and society, in full for Asa G. Abbott and Albert T. Abbott, L. Members,	15-00 6-00
<i>Hampton Falls</i> —Congregational church and society,	22-00
<i>Stratham</i> —Congregational church and society, 11-00; Mrs. Sarah Brown,	38-00
<i>Seabury</i> —Congregational church and society, 10-00; Luther Dickinson, 7-00; legacy, in part, of Joseph Dickinson to constitute Dea. Samuel King of Lunenburg, Mass., and Luther Dickinson L. M.'s of A. H. M. S., 60-00;	77-00 4-26 25-77
<i>Tamworth</i> —Congregational church and society, for the A. H. M. S.,	30-00
<i>Temple</i> —Congregational church and society,	13-40
<i>Troy</i> —Congregational church and society, 20-00; Mrs. Lydia Knight, to be expended in Testaments with the Psalms, for the aged poor, and small Testaments for poor children, 10-00;	258-69
<i>Wakefield</i> —Congregational church and society,	65-75 21-00
<i>Warner</i> —Legacy of Joseph Hoyt, to constitute Stephen K. Hoyt L. M. of the N. H. M. S., and also of the A. H. M. S., by Stephen K. Hoyt, Ex., 169-69; Miss Mittee Colby, to constitute Rev. R. W. Fuller, L. M. of A. H. M. S., and Mrs. Persia Fuller, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 60-00; Miss Sally Hoyt, L. M. of A. H. M. S., 30-00; Congregational church, for the A. H. M. S., 1-00;	43-00 35-33 4-00 3-00 53-60 52-00 19-17 6-00 170-38 30-00 1592-67 784-57
<i>Walpole</i> —Congregational church and society, 31-00; six Monthly Concerts, 29-75, to constitute Wm. Jenison and Charles Stratton, L. Members; Miss R. Sparhawk L. M., 5-00;	\$6217-75
<i>Washington</i> —Monthly Concert,	
<i>Winchester</i> —Ladies' Home Missionary Society, in part to constitute Rev. John P. Humphrey L. D. of A. H. M. S., 10-00; in full to constitute Mrs. Henry Kingman L. M. of A. H. M. S., 20-00; in part to constitute Mrs. J. P. Humphrey L. M. of A. H. M. S., 13-00;	
<i>Windham</i> —Presbyterian church and society,	
<i>Whitefield</i> —Rev. Joseph Marsh,	
<i>Wolfboro' North</i> —Congregational church and society,	
General Association, Manchester,	
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Sullivan County Conference of Churches, two collections,	
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ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

Time has once more permitted us to make our yearly survey of the Home Missionary work under the direction of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society; and in order to do this, the Trustees of the Society would now present their *Forty-Eighth Annual Report*. While they would express their acknowledgments to God, who has in his infinite goodness granted them life and strength to labor on until this day, they would also recognize his holy hand in the removal by death of one more of the few remaining founders of this Society. On the 28th of January, Hon. **DAVID L. MORTON**, of Concord, departed this life. He was two years, viz. 1823 and 1824, the President of this Society, and for several years previous to his death he was a Vice-President of the American Home Missionary Society. The cause of Home Missions, both in New-Hampshire and throughout the land, received his special sympathies and support, and thus he has left an example for all his survivors.

TABULAR VIEW.

The following Table contains an alphabetical list of the churches and congregations aided during the year, the name of each missionary, the dates and length of commission, the amount appropriated to each church, and the usual statistics and general remarks.

REMARKS.

1. Since January Mr. H. has labored all the time in this place. A few families attend meeting on the Sabbath, which before had neglected the house of God. This field is one of our hardest, but not the most hopeless.
2. This church has assumed the whole support of the gospel. Its advancement, especially in externals, has been beyond expectation. The statistics are those reported last year.
3. Nothing special reported. All the church and most of the congregation pledged to total abstinence.
4. No perceptible change. Temperance cause in a good state.
5. This church is the largest now aided by the Society. The state of things is encouraging. A large portion of the population in this town attend no place of worship.
6. Mr. W. labors here one half of the time. The church is small and feeble. Nothing especially encouraging reported.
7. No report.
8. Mr. Patten left at the close of his commission.
9. "Intemperance," says the report, "has prevailed more than several years preceding, and it is the great sin and curse among us at the present time. As to the spiritual state of the church, there is nothing now of special interest. Still, things appear more favorable. Our congregation is increasing and our social meetings are more interesting."
10. "Some things," says the pastor, "look a little encouraging. I think prejudice is in a measure wearing away, and there is a degree of desire to hear the word of God." There is no preaching by other denominations in town. No intoxicating drinks are sold in the place. The cause of temperance has made a great advance.
11. No application has been made for further assistance since Mr. Hill's commission closed. This is one of the oldest of our missionary fields, having received the attention of the Society as early as 1811.
12. Mr. Marsh closed his labors here and left the State in the early part of the year. The church is destitute, much weakened, and disheartened.
13. This church has been diminished by an unusual number of removals from town during the year. Still, meetings on the Sabbath are about as fully attended as usual. State of religion low.
14. No essential change in the state of the church. Fourteen of the members are non-resident. Temperance cause stationary.
15. A gradual improvement in morals is reported, but no special religious interest.

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16. Mr. Esty supplies one half of the time at Bethlehem. No change.
17. Mr. Tisdale closed his labors here last spring. No appropriation since.
18. No material change in the affairs of this church has taken place during the year. The Sabbath School is attended with interest.
19. The report from this field represents the state of things to be rather on the advance. May that wilderness soon bud and blossom as the rose.
20. The attendance upon public worship has been larger than it has been for several years. Things look more encouraging. The Sabbath School is well attended, and is interesting. Several denominations unite in it.
21. There is no church organization in this village. There are 16 Congregational church members in the place. The Missionary labors here one half of the time. About 70 attend meeting on the Sabbath. This is an important field of missionary labor, though requiring much labor and self-denial.
22. Mr. LeB. left at the close of his commission. The church is now destitute, and in a very weak and dispirited condition. The labor and money expended in Hill have not been lost. The Lord has blessed the labor of his servants there, and many souls will forever bless him for the hopes they first cherished there.
23. Mr. Lawrence left at the close of nine months of his commission. He reports that the attendance upon the means of grace has been good, and some unusual attention to religion.
24. This church has enjoyed a season of special religious interest during the year. The revival extended into each of the Societies, and resulted in 35 or 40 hopeful conversions.
25. Mr. Rose closed his labors here in January. In March Mr. Barber was employed as a stated supply. The aspect of things is quite encouraging.
26. Mr. Porter was dismissed the early part of the year.
27. Mr. Jones was dismissed in the spring on account of ill health, but has returned and resumed his labors. He reports more encouragement.
28. This church has been compelled to solicit aid, in consequence of dismissing many of its members to form another church at the Village. The report speaks of some encouraging indications at different times during the year, but they passed away like the dew of the morning. The power of the Holy Spirit is greatly needed.
29. "We are enjoying (says the pastor) at present temporal prosperity." There were some indications of revival last winter. Twenty of the church are non-residents. One female member has died, leaving a legacy of \$400 for foreign and home missions. Some increase of the congregation.
30. The report from this place is more encouraging. Peace and harmony in the church now prevail.

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31. Some members of the church are non-resident. The general state of things is prosperous. The Sabbath School is flourishing—300 vols. in the library : 45 copies of the Well Spring are taken. Intoxicating drinks are sold in the place, which has a baneful influence upon the soldiers of the fort.

32. "Upon a review of the past year, (says the report) we can but feel that some progress has been made. If ever a place needed the elevating influences of truth and order, it is this."

33. The condition of this church has not changed essentially since our last report. It is situated in an important place, but presenting many obstacles to the cause of truth and righteousness. Much do the friends of religion there need to be examples of faith and a holy life, that ungodliness may be turned away.

34. No important change in the affairs of this church during the year.

35. Much effort was made some months since to stop the traffic and use of intoxicating drink in this town, but the results as yet have been small. No material change is reported in the condition of the church. The average age of the members of the church is probably upwards of 60 years.

36 and 37. Mr. Holmes has been dismissed from both of the churches.

38. Mr. Richardson left in May, on account of ill health. The church is now destitute.

39. A great advance in the cause of temperance has been made during the year. The morals of the place improving.

40. Some increase of the congregation. The Assembly's Catechism is studied with considerable interest in the Sabbath School. The cause of temperance has made a little advance.

41. This old missionary field we hope is becoming somewhat more unlike a moral wilderness, but it is in God only that it can ever become fruitful of grace and good works. "It certainly (says the report) never was more important that the ministration of the gospel should be sustained here."

42. Efforts are now making to establish an Academy in this place.—Things externally look encouraging.

43. Mr. Marsh left before the close of his commission. The church is destitute and very low. Prospects dark.

44. Mr. H. closed his labors in this town on the 1st of January.

45. "Our external interests and prospects are increasingly bright, (says Mr. H.) but our spiritual life needs reviving."

lament the evidence, furnished by the diminished action of the churches, of a decline of devotedness to the general welfare of Zion. One of the objects of our charity is to promote such a devotedness. Shall we not witness an improvement?

STATE OF RELIGION AND MORALS.

In reviewing our spiritual history for another year, we find little that is cheering. The same general dearth of divine influences that was prevailing at our last Anniversary, and had been for a long time before, still continues, with too little evidence of a reviving day. It is our privilege, however, to acknowledge a few instances of divine mercy, the most interesting of which was enjoyed by the church in Hudson. The missionaries generally speak of conversions reported in their churches, and of outward prosperity. The cause of peace and harmony in more has been accomplished in this cause than for several years previous, and thus one of the most formidable obstacles to spiritual progress has been overcome. This fact, together with the increasing attention to the means of grace, spoken of in many of our missionary congregations, are signs of promise, and they encourage us to hope, to pray, and to labor on, that the hand of the Lord may be soon graciously displayed among all our churches.

THE TREASURY.

At the last annual meeting of the Trustees it was voted to close hereafter the financial year of the Society on the 15th of August. Our audited account, therefore, will not include the receipts and disbursements since that date. At the close of the account last year, August 24, the balance on hand was \$1053.13. There have since been received from all sources, \$5292.24; making the available funds of the Society \$6245.37. Of this sum, \$983.88, including legacies of \$434.27, were contributed for the American Home Missionary Society. In November the Executive Committee made an appropriation to the Parent Society of \$300—making our payments the sum of \$1283.88. In addition to this, the Home Missionary acknowledges, for the year ending August 1, the receipt of \$1717.83 from individuals and churches in this State, which makes a total for the purposes of the cause beyond our bounds, of \$3001.71, and of \$7010.12 raised in New-Hampshire for the general purposes of Home Missions.

The disbursements of the Society have been \$5371.28, leaving a balance on hand of \$875.09.*

* From the 15th of August up to the morning of the Anniversary, which completes a full year, there have been received \$811.64, which, added to the audited account, makes the whole amount of receipts for the year, \$6103.88, which is \$820.88 more than last year. The whole sum, therefore, raised in New-Hampshire for the cause of Home Missions during the year is \$7820.88, which is an advance of \$828.70 on the amount raised the previous year.

seem to us to be moving so slowly now. The advance on the spots during that period has been \$63,361, or more than 76 per cent. The number of Missionaries has increased from 665 to 1019, the years of labor from 473 to 808. And if we examine also the fields that have been occupied, we shall find that in 1839 there were 160 laborers only in our Western States and Territories. In 1863 the number is 463—an addition of 303, or six sevenths of the whole. The advance on the whole field has been in that part of it which is so difficult to decide our political destiny. If we shall make corresponding progress for ten years to come, what a work, under God, may not see accomplished!

But why should we be ten years in realizing this progress? Is the enlargement of our boundaries delayed? Does the tide of emigration wait? Does the providence of God linger? or is the way already open for our Christianity to lengthen her cords in every direction and make her stakes strong; to take up her march over the mountains and across the deserts, and plant down her institutions, thick and fast, three thousand miles nearer the great work to be done in Pagan nations with but a single ocean to intervene? When the bearings of our work are justly considered, the distinction between home and foreign missions disappears. The enterprise of evangelizing this land becomes, in effect, and on a grand scale, a mission to all mankind."

THE NEED OF PERSEVERANCE IN THE WORK OF HOME MISSIONS IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Let us take what view of the home missionary work in New-Hampshire, or any of the New-England States, we will, if we reason only from that view, excluding all modifying considerations drawn from the relations it has to other aspects of the work, we are in danger of coming to results that are ultra and impracticable. Such results would become settled convictions, leading us either to inflated expectation or to none at all; either to excessive expectation or to discouragement;—both equally abhorrent to the dictates of wisdom and Christian love. The true standard of duty in relation to the Home Missionary work, whether within or without our own borders, should be determined by a process of deductive reasoning from the character of the human heart; the moral and spiritual necessities of man—the obligations imposed by the precepts of God, without and the never-failing Word of God. To overlook any one of these, is to leave out one important train of the whole combination of influences which we ought to contemplate in all their varying relations, and to expose us to the adoption of sentiments more or less erroneous and hurtful. To reason only from the promises of God, without taking into view those things which render them conditional, either wholly in part; or to reason only from the obligations of the Gospel, without considering what may be the true limitations; or to reason

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upon the formation of its character, the sight of such an awful scene could be beyond our endurance. Nor could we bear the prospect of our final account. But no panoramic view of our country's moral and religious manhood, as now being moulded in its infancy by our own fostering hands, though a future fact, is a present possibility. We can only contemplate a picture of the imagination, yet true to fact and to nature. And this is enough to awaken every sentiment of patriotism—every principle of piety we possess. It is enough to rouse up a Home Missionary spirit in our breasts, that will not be satisfied till we are devoted in our talents, property and sacred honor to the great work of giving the gospel to all our needy countrymen. Our prayers, our sympathies and our benevolence should be as broad and comprehensive as the land in which we dwell. New-Hampshire is not the exclusive object on which they should be bestowed. As they constitute the spiritual life which we are living for, our country, the light of that life, should shine from the Atlantic to the Pacific, cheering every member of our Confederacy with the glorious prospect of a nation sanctified and consecrated to God. Yet if New-Hampshire receive not her due share of that light—that reflected radiance of Jesus Christ our Lord—its completeness and power will be marred by the strange darkness gathering around the very source from which it should emanate.

If, therefore, the work of Home Missions in the West—beyond the mountains, hard by the heathen world, and all over the land, where error and sin prevail—should be prosecuted by New-Hampshire Christians with increasing zeal and devotion, they cannot, they will not, sacrifice the blessedness of a care for their own fire-sides and domestic altars;—not one will they endure to see forsaken,—not one will they allow to be demolished;—but while life, hope and the promise of God remain, they will live for New-Hampshire, that both they and their neighbors may live for the land and the world.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

Our service, to bring us together this morning for the purpose of celebrating the *Forty-Ninth* Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. But before we proceed to the Annual Report of the Trustees, it seems proper that we should record the frequent instances of mortality that have occurred during the year among the former clerical officers and members of this Society.

They are nine in number, viz: the Rev. EATHAM SMITH, well known for his writings on the Prophecies and Apocalypse. He was one of the *twenty-four* who founded this Society, only one of whom still survives. He was chosen its first Secretary, which office he held sixteen years. He died in Brattleborough, Vt. The Rev. JAMES McEWER died in Rye two years. The Rev. ARCHIBALD BURGESS died at Hancock, the place of his ministerial labors for many years. He was a Trustee of the Society from 1839 to 1845. The Rev. DANIEL CAMPBELL, died suddenly, at his residence in Orford, where he was formerly settled. He bequeathed a liberal sum to the cause of Home Missions. The Rev. WM. J. NEWMAN of York, Me., died at his father's in Stratham, where he was our missionary pastor from 1837 to 1841. The Rev. WM. COGSWELL, D. D., distinguished by his various writings and relations to institutions of learning and benevolence, died at his residence in Gilmanston. He spent a portion of his earliest ministerial labors in Sandwich, one of our oldest missionary fields. The Rev. JAMES THOMPSON died at Sanbornton. He was our missionary in Thornton. The Rev. EDWARD L. PARKER, for about forty years pastor of the Presbyterian church in Derry, died suddenly. He was a Trustee of this Society from 1831 to 1840. The Rev. ISAAC KNIGHT, formerly our missionary pastor at Hill and afterwards at Franklin, died in Fisherville where he was a stated supply.

In the death of all these fathers and brethren in the ministry the Home Missionary cause has lost some of its most valuable friends and supporters. They have finished the work God gave them to do on earth, and now, the voice of the divine admonition, which they so often uttered in the ears of mortals around them, is resounding within these walls, enforced by their own silence in the tomb, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

For Tabular View see six next pages.

REMARKS.

1. Mr. Howard closed his labors here the first of January. Mr. Kimball labors one half of the time, and the other half in Wilmot. The cause of evangelical truth has gained ground, and there is evidently an improvement in the moral and religious habits of the people.
2. Mr. Manson has been dismissed, and left the State for another field of labor. The church is supplied at present.
3. Nothing of special interest reported. This church is connected with Franconia in the support of the gospel.
4. Nothing special is reported, except that intemperance is rather on the increase.
5. Dissentions in the church seem to threaten its ruin. Six of the church are widows, two of whom are more than 91 years old.
6. There have been 11 baptisms, 3 adults and 8 infants. "There is no special interest among us," says the report. "Many things exist to encourage us, but our hope and confidence is in God alone."
7. No material change. Congregation increased. A goodly number of religious publications taken. There are 11 non-resident members in the church.
8. The church has secured the labors of Mr. Stearns one half the time. The state of things improving. The Sabbath School larger than ever before. The state of the congregation much increased. The state of morals better than in the towns around. The church encouraged with the indication of better things.
9. Mr. Pulsifer was dismissed at the close of his commission and has removed to another field in Vermont. The church is now destitute.
10. The Pastor has recently been dismissed. They contributed to eight different benevolent objects.
11. Mr. Emerson preaches in several places. There are many things to discourage missionary labor here. The union of the different denominations in the same congregation is harmonious, though in some respects unfavorable.
12. Mr. Willey has left the field. The church is again supplied, but no application has been made for aid.
13. No perceptible change in the state of morals and religion. Mr. Esty labors one half of the time in Bethlehem.
14. After a season of great discouragement, this church seems to be again on the advance in its external aspects. The congregation is increasing, and more interest is manifested in the means of grace.
15. The state of things is hopeful. This church, we trust, approaches the time when it will rejoice in self support.
16. Mr. Chapman labors here one half of the time, and the other half in Parsonfield, Me. The congregation averages about 125. The prospects of the church are not very encouraging.

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17. Attendance upon public worship good. About to repair the meeting-house.
18. Some progress and encouragement.
19. No church organization here. This field greatly needs missionary labor. The congregation averages about 90. Some interest in Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction. There are 5 males and 10 females who are congregational professors.
20. Congregation much increased. The Sabbath School is composed of several denominations.
21. There is now a prospect that this church will have a Pastor for the first time. Mr. Tarlton has accepted a call to settle. The temporal affairs of the church are prosperous and encouraging.
22. The unfavorable location of this church for flourishing business,—the removal of some of its best members, and other things, are adverse to its prosperity. The future is doubtful.
23. There is no material change. Peace and harmony prevail.
24. The report says, "it has been a year of peace and unusual prosperity with the people of my charge." The field is hopeful.
25. Mr. Harrington has left and settled in Mass. The church is now destitute.
26. There has been no perceptible change in the church and congregation during the year.
27. Statistics of last year given in the table. The report says that the Sabbath School is larger and more interesting than last year.
28. Some religious interest in one section of the town. Much need of improvement in the state of morals and religion.
29. The report from this field is highly encouraging. It is an important missionary post. Several of the pupils in the Sabbath School belong to families connected with Fort Constitution.
30. Mr. Dow left the ground at the end of nine months of his commission. The prospect of building up this waste place is dark.
31. A large number of non-resident members of the church. The state of things more promising. Meeting-house repaired. Organ procured. Circulating library established. These people have contributed for the support of the gospel and various other purposes \$916 during the year.
32. There is no church in this place. Mr. Wood labors about one-fourth of his time here and the remainder at Ossipee Centre. This is the county seat of Carroll County, and is in much need of the gospel.

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33. Here are materials for a large congregation, but the confirmed indifference of many religious institutions keeps them away from the house of God. The field is hard to cultivate, but not without some promise.

34. According to the report, the pecuniary and moral strength of this people is wasting away.

35. The meeting-house has been repaired, also the parsonage. The external condition of things more hopeful. The church is aged, but the congregation contains a large proportion of children and youths.

36. This church continues to suffer severely from the loss of its members by death and migration. A cloud of darkness rests upon its prospects.

37. This people have now assumed the whole support of their pastor. The first appropriation made to them was in 1834. Aid has been continued ever since, amounting in all to \$2,025. The church was formed in 1837, consisting of 23 members. It has enjoyed two revivals of religion and added 80 to its communion. Its contributions to Christian charity have amounted to nearly \$1,200.

38. "There has been no special improvement in the state of morals and religion during the year."

39. Some revival. "We have," says the return, "many obstacles to encounter in getting along, but in view of circumstances, perhaps our prosperity is as great as could be expected."

40. Mr. Kimball divides his labors equally between this place and Andover. Could the means of grace be concentrated at one point instead of being divided into three, the prospects of the cause of truth would be more cheering. There was some religious interest last winter in one part of the town.

41. A slow but hopeful advance to a state of self support.

42. The report says that the "number in our Sabbath School and congregation is gradually increasing." The state of things is more hopeful. Should faith and effort hold out, salvation may yet come to this people.

43. This is now our most distant field. Things are hopeful.

44. Some revival. House of worship enlarged. The state of things promising.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The highly important auxiliary influence of Sabbath School instruction to the advance of morals and religion, has been enjoyed by all the congregations aided, and in some instances, the special blessing of God has made it the means of salvation to the soul. The whole number connected with the Sabbath Schools on our field is not far from 3107.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS.

The whole amount contributed to the cause of christian benevolence by the churches and congregations, that have been aided during the year is \$1061.18. Of this sum \$501.89 were received for Home Missions. The average of charitable collections to each member in our feeble churches is about the same with the general average for the State, and should the comparison of ability be made, it would be found to be much greater.

STATE OF MORALS AND RELIGION.

How long it shall be our distressing duty to speak of the spiritual dearth which the great body of our churches and congregations have suffered for so many years, is known only to Him who has the residue of the spirit. As yet, deliverance from this almost universal calamity and sin has not come, except to a limited extent. In only three or four instances is mention made, in the reports of the missionaries, of more than usual religious interests, and only 31 are reported as the hopeful subjects of renewing grace. They represent generally that peace and harmony prevail in the churches, and a good degree of external prosperity attends them. Little is said, except in a few cases, of the cause of temperance and morality, from which we may infer that there has been no special advance during the year. O, when shall Jacob arise, for he is small.

THE TREASURY.

At the commencement of the financial year, the 15th of August, 1849, the balance on hand was \$874.09. The receipts of the year closing the 15th inst., are \$6398.84 making the whole amount of available resources, \$7272.93. Of this sum \$607.05 were directed by the donors to the American Home Missionary Society, leaving \$5501.79 for the exclusive use of this auxiliary. In November the Executive Committee appropriated \$500, and in February they appropriated the same sum to the Parent Society, making \$1000, which together with the donations directed to the same Society, by individuals, makes \$1607.05 which have passed out of our Treasury for the benefit of the cause beyond our limits. To this should be added \$969.70 sent directly to New-York by various donors, making the whole sum raised in the State for the disposal of the national Society \$2576.75 and a grand total for Home Missions of \$7368.54. The disbursements of the year are \$5514.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$1758.28.

rs. These missionaries administered to the spiritual wants of 75 congregations. There were at least 75,000 children and youths connected with the Sabbath Schools under the care of the missionaries. From 512 congregations, \$21,756 were reported as contributed to benevolent objects, which is more than one-third of the amount of aid they received. Seventy-one missionaries report revivals of religion which resulted in 3,108 hopeful conversions. The whole number added to the churches has been about 6,682, more than half of whom were added on profession of their faith in Christ. This is a larger number of additions than has been reported in any one year since 1844. No less than 40 churches have become self supporting churches. They are beneficiaries no longer, but our generous and hearty coöperators in giving the gospel to those who are still in need. Sixty houses of worship have been completed, and the building of forty-eight others have been commenced during the year. The receipts of the Society were \$157,160.73. This includes the receipts of the various auxiliaries and agencies. The above facts compared with the results of last year show that the receipts have increased \$11,234.87—13 more missionaries were in commission, 65 more congregations have been blessed with a preached gospel, and 1109 more have been added to the churches by profession. It is worthy of remark that while the whole number of missionaries has increased only 13, the increase in our Western States and territories has been 25. Since 1837 the number of missionaries in the New-England States has diminished and is this year 30 less than at that time. In the Middle States also the number is but one greater than it was thirteen years ago. Nine-tenths of the increase of missionaries on the whole field during the past ten years has been in our Western States and territories.

For the twenty-four years the Society has been in operation, its receipts have been \$2,054,417.91, which have furnished more than 12,000 years of missionary labor among the destitute and moral wastes of our country, which on an average shows the cost of its missions to have been only \$166 a year.

"The plans and policy of the Society," says the report, "have met with no providential rebuke; none of its enterprises have failed; the blessing of Heaven has rested on its missionaries and their flocks. The christian public have manifested their confidence by a more generous support than ever before; and expanding fields of usefulness, that surpass in number and interest all former example, have opened before it." Referring to the past history of the Society, the committee say, "a God is here, the awe of his presence is upon them as they put their hands to this Home Missionary work. The tide of great events, which in these latter years has broken in successive waves upon our shores, has borne on this Institution to a position of irrevocable responsibility. We stand not where we

There have been bad philosophers, yea, our faith would have been larger in the promises of God, had we in the outset expected that every church would have increased in strength, and every waste place would have assumed the bloom and beauty of a cultivated garden. Had such been our expectations in every given case, we would have been dull scholars, both in historic providence and the science of human nature. Every christian enterprise, however extending in some of its results the faith of the church, will in others be more or less short of that faith, either as to time, manner or quality. Never since the establishment of christianity in our world, has it pleased God, to bring all men in any community blessed by its institutions, to a saving knowledge of the truth. Thousands in primitive times, though they listened to the preaching of the gospel by inspired apostles, and witnessed the evidence of its truth in signs and wonders, yet rejected it, hardened themselves in unbelief and sin, and finally perished.

If we, as a Missionary Society, have not realized all that we have desired and aimed to accomplish, in repairing the desolations of our State, what then? Were our expectations reasonable? Have not the results of our labors been as great as those of any moral enterprise, all things considered, which make a comparison equal and just? In the failure of a complete and entire moral and spiritual improvement of all our neighbors and fellow citizens upon whom our charitable labors have been bestowed, have we any more reason for discouragement than the whole church of Christ has had in the failure of some forty years' toil and sacrifice to enlighten and save millions of immortal men, both on heathen ground and in lands shrouded in the night of an apostate and spiritless christianity? Could we have made due allowance for the antagonisms to our labors, arising from the deeply rooted prejudices of religious party, early sown into the fruitful soil of unenlightened and depraved hearts by zealous and hostile apostles of schism, giving rise for other antagonisms produced by long established habits of non-attendance upon public worship, and the consequent aversion to pecuniary contribution for the support of the gospel, the slow progress of some of our feeble churches that have been subjects of our beneficence from ten to twenty years, might perhaps have been foreseen, and would not now operate to check the tide of our Home Missionary sympathies or charities. It is true that the peculiarities of Calvinism meet with little favor with multitudes on our field,—hence some of the present discouragements with which we have to contend. But it is not true that a compromise of truth with error, will give us any better promise of rearing up large and flourishing churches and of laying permanent foundations of moral, intelligent and pious communities. Such a compromise together with a free and assiduous inculcation of what has been styled liberal opinions, has been a cause of sterility to the soil we are called to cultivate, more operative and effectual than all others combined. So far as the moral characteristics of society owe their formation to the in-

their numerical and pecuniary strength, but of their spiritual so. This has been a more serious source of decline, it is believed, for the past ten or fifteen years, than any other, and never since the first settlement of the country, for the same period of time, has it been one so disastrous a work especially in the rural portions of our Union.

Another cause of the decline of churches, against which no human provision can be made, is death. Death is the common destroyer of all humanity. The ranks of visible believers are daily thinning by the "King of Terrors," and unless they are speedily replenished by fresh trophies of divine grace, in due time, not far remote, the places that now know some of our churches will know them no more. But had there been no extraordinary emigration in past years to reduce them, the ordinary degree of mortality they have suffered would not have essentially checked their advance to independence. Had there not been a constant drain upon them to meet the demands of other localities more alluring for worldly avocations, many now on our list, would have been this day beyond the necessity of charity. We stop not to delineate the reasons that have led so many of the valuable members of the churches of this State to be sick of home, and to seek a new one in the West, or in the cities and manufacturing villages of the East. We only allude to the fact as a source of delay to the accomplishment of our missionary work. The hand of God has been in it, our lips therefore should not be opened in complaint. While it gives a shady aspect to some portions of the great vineyard of the Lord, it lights up others with the smile of promise and hope. Considering all these discouragements to the work in which we have been so long engaged, it is natural to inquire, is it the will of Him who was the first Missionary of the Gospel to lost man, that we, his followers in deeds of benevolence and mercy, should no more light up the voice of supplication nor open the hand in kindness in behalf of the needy and erring around us?

We rejoice that the record the Society has been permitted to make of the work of his spirit and that the present indications of his holy providence constrain us to give a negative reply to this inquiry. We are now introduced to the bright side of the canvass, and what do we see? Enough to check the spirit of despondency—enough to forestall the lamentation. "We have toiled in vain, and spent our strength for nought." True, we may not witness the existence of large and flourishing churches and the entire moral renovation of community in many towns and villages that have received the attentions of this society, yet scarcely a town,—scarcely a neighborhood, which has been favored with the well directed and faithful labors of the missionary for any considerable time, does not testify that repentance and remission of sins have brought the blessings of immortal life to some lost in sin. What is the great

ity and profitableness as the instrument of enlarging his kingdom on earth.

Standing as we do this day in the midst of the monuments of Home Missionary agency,—within sight of the yet desolations of many generations, and hearing even the voice of supplication for the bread of life from thronging millions of our land, to what other conclusion can we come than that we are called to a still greater measure of devotion to the salvation of our State and of our country? We, who are sustained by the promises and hopes of the gospel, should not be indifferent to the purport of the christian's commission in such a land as this. Its interpretation is found in the golden language of its Divine Author, "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." With the conviction always abiding that the light of our good works cannot be ephemeral, but will continue to shine, though upon other standards, long after we have ceased from the living, we cannot but rejoice in the glorious opportunity now afforded us, of contributing something to render the destiny of our country a blessing to all mankind.

In behalf of the Trustees,

BENJ. P. STONE, Sec'y.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
for the year ending August 15, 1850.

<i>Acworth</i> —Cong. Church and Soc., 30.20 ; Female Charitable Soc. 15 ; Legacy of Miss Betsy Pinkerton for A. H. M. S. 56.25 ; . . . \$101.45	
<i>Alstead, (New)</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 9 ; Rev. J. W. Perkins, in part to cons. his son L. M. 5 ; legacy of Miss Hannah Smith, 1.50	15.50
<i>Altkinson</i> —Cong. chh. and soc.	7.15
<i>Antrim</i> —Presbyterian, 17.45 ; for the A. H. M. S., 15.61,	33.04
<i>Barrington</i> —Cong. chh. and soc.	13.28
<i>Bath</i> —A friend,	19.65
<i>Belford</i> —Presbyterian chh. and soc., 45.25 ; legacy of Miss Betsy Wallace, 4.09 ; Aug. for 1850, 90.00,	139.25
<i>Bennington</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 9.50 ; Monthly Concert, 10.15,	19.65
<i>Bethlehem</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 30.54 ; Mrs. Betsy Sanborn, 5.00 ; Abiel Gerrish, in full to cons. his daughter Eliza, 20.00, of which 10.00 by note ; Thomas Peach an. sub. 2.00 ; Children of Capt. Moses Coffin, con- tributed at a family meeting to cons. him a L. M. of A. H. M. S., 30.00,	125.50
<i>Boscawen, East</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 6.72 ; Henry L. Presby, L. M., 30.00,	37.92
<i>Boscawen, West</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 6.72 ; Henry L. Presby, L. M., 30.00,	36.72
<i>Bradford</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 6.72 ; Henry L. Presby, L. M., 30.00,	20.25
<i>Brentwood</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 6.72 ; Henry L. Presby, L. M., 30.00,	4.16
<i>Bristol</i> —Monthly Concert,	1.00
<i>Bridgewater</i> —Jeremiah I.,	38.72
<i>Brookline</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 30.00 to cons. Calvin R. Shedd, L. M. ; 8.72 to cons. in part L. M.,	8.30
<i>Campton</i> —Cong. chh. and soc.,	5.00
<i>Canaan</i> —Mrs. Sarah Harris in part to cons. L. M.,	37.25
<i>Canterbury</i> —Cong. chh. and soc. to cons. L. M.,	71.00
<i>Candia</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 5.00 in full to cons. Mrs. De F. Rich- ards, L. M. ; 15.00 in part to cons. Mrs. Richards, L. M. ; Aug. 1840, 14.00,	34.00
<i>Charlestown</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 54.49, also, 53.00 for 1850 ; John W. Noyes, in full to cons. his daughter Elizabeth McFarland Noyes, L. M., 10.00	117.49
<i>Chester</i> —Cong. chh. and soc., 99.62 ; collection, 20.86 ; Mrs. Richard Bradley, in full, L. M., 6.00 ; Mrs. Rob't Davis and her husband in part to cons. the former L. M. of A. H. M. S., 10.00 ; Dr. Ezra Carter, for California Missions, 5.00 ; Nathan Ballard an. sub. 2.00 ; Dea. Benj. Farnum, in part, L. M., 5.00 ; Charles Benson, 1.00 ; Monthly Concert, 21.30 ; The above for 1849. The following for 1850 :—Subscription, 114.67 ; contribution, 15.83 ; Monthly Concert, 18.00 ; Mrs. Charlotte Woolson in part to cons. her daughter Charles Augusta, L. M., 5.00 ; Mrs. Elizabeth	27.15

Polkett—Cong. chh. and soc.,	
Willis—Legacy of Wm. Ames,	2.55
Wilmington—Cong. chh. and soc., in part to cons. Rev. C. M. Cordley, L. M.,	25.00
M., 20.07; also in full to cons. Rev. Mr. Cordley, L. M.,	
34.27; also for the A. H. M. S., 20.00,	
Wilton—Cong. chh. and soc.,	74.34
Wright—A friend,	3.80
Yene—Gents. Asso. to cons. Elijah Adams, L. M., 64.95; Monthly Con.	4.00
27.03; Ladies Heshbon Soc., 13.78; Juvenile Heshbon Soc.,	
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4.00; Sylvanus Balch, for the A. H. M. S., 10.00,	27.45
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Holmes, L. M., for the A. H. M. S., 2.00,	40.00
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